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Foreign workers in the CNMI should only be given an immigration status similar to that negotiated for citizens of Freely Associated States, said those who attended Wednesday night's public hearing on the status of nonresident workers in the CNMI.

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So far, only salaries of critical employees secured for July 2

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that only the salaries of critical government employees such as police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, doctors and nurses have so far been secured for the next payday on July 2.

Inos, who oversees government finance issues, said there is no telling yet whether most government employees whose positions are not con-

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Limtiaco takes oath on Saipan as US Attorney

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Former Guam Attorney General Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco took her oath of office on Saipan yesterday as the U.S. Attorney for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

In a ceremonial investiture held at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Limtiaco underscored the importance of federal and local partnership in dealing with the anticipat-

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Former Guam Attorney General Alicia Anne Garrido Limtiaco takes her oath of office on Saipan as the U.S. Attorney for Guam and the NMI. Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and CNMI Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman administered the oath yesterday afternoon in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

CELEBRITY READ-ALOUD
Guam first lady Joann Camacho reads to children at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library during a celebrity read-aloud activity yesterday morning. The first ladies of the CNMI, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Palau participated in the activity that also had the special guests dancing with the children and learning exercise moves.

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No plans to restore direct flights to Manila—Duncan

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Despite its aggressive push in the Pacific region, United-Continental has no immediate plans of restoring direct Saipan-Manila flights, according to company president Charles Duncan yesterday.

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FAA awards nearly $1B to Pacific airports in 10 years

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The Federal Aviation Administration awarded nearly $1 billion in Airport Improvement Project funds to Pacific Islands airports in fiscal years 2000 through 2009, according to Honolulu Airports District Office FAA manager Ron Simpson.

Speaking on the second day of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit, Simpson said yesterday that in fiscal years 2004 through 2009 alone, the FAA awarded a total of $658 million to Pacific airports.

Data presented to summit participants showed that Pacific airports got the highest grant amount in FY 2009, amounting to $123.4 million. This is a slight increase from the $120.1 million issued in FY 2005.

Other AIP funding received in past fiscal years include $102.7 million in FY 2004; $70.7 million in FY 2006; $136.5 million in FY 2007; and $103.8 million in FY 2008.

There are two types of AIP funds: Entitlement funds and discretionary funds.

The entitlement funding levels are a proportionate distribution based on the number of enplanements for the airport. From FY 2004 through 2009, FAA issued a total of $276.6 million in entitlement funds.

Discretionary funds are distributed on a competitive basis and are based on airport performance. From FY 2004 through 2009, FAA issued a total of $353.4 million in discretionary funds.

In making AIP discretionary funding decisions, Simpson said the FAA is required to consider whether funding has been provided for all other "higher priority" projects.

Simpson said that AIP projects with funding priority included the construction of the Airport Rescue Firefighting buildings, acquisition of ARFF vehicles and equipment; pavement rehabilitation including upgrades to electrical vaults, airfield marking, lighting and signage; perimeter security fencing; runway and taxiway extensions and terminal improvements, in addition to maintenance and enhancement costs.

He disclosed that over 50 new generation ARFF vehicles have so far been procured for the Pacific region using AIP funds.

FAA also ensures that these projects met regulatory safety requirements and increase airport capacity, Simpson said.

The FAA official said that funds have also been set aside for the military airport program, noise compatibility program, reliever airport funds, small airport funds, and disaster relief funds.

Simpson also encouraged Micronesian the leaders to collaborate and monitor developments in the U.S. Congress, where a proposal to extend the eligibility of Micronesia's airports for AIP grants is being reviewed. He said hearings for the AIP reauthorization are now being conducted, with a proposal to extend Micronesian airports' eligibility to 2012.

Vision 100, or the AIP Reauthorization Bill, made Micronesian airports eligible for discretionary funding under the AIP programs for fiscal years 2004 through 2007. The AIP extensions for FYs 2008 and 2009 included Micronesia airports.

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TO PREPARE FOR AGUON EXIT

Board approves immediate hiring for two key positions

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The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees approved yesterday the immediate hiring for two key management positions in advance of the resignation of administrator Mark Aguon.

Aguon is leaving to further his education; deputy administrator Richard Villagomez is expected to be named interim administrator in his stead.

Villagomez's expected appointment will leave the Fund without an investment manager, a position he has held for many years.

Because he will be wearing several hats upon Aguon's exit next month, the board decided to immediately post a job vacancy announcement to fill the two slots. Aguon's resignation is effective July 30 and he will be reporting for work until July 16 only to take advantage of his unused annual leave.

Approved for immediate hiring were the investment manager position and the technical financial analyst post.

Prior to voting, the personnel committee recommended deferring the issue to the board's next meeting but some members disagreed, citing concerns about the pending vacancies.

"We need to hire these key positions as soon as possible… because I am convinced that the lack of manpower will affect the entire operation of the Fund. We need to find someone who is qualified and have experience," trustee Francisco Rosario told the board. He expressed opposition to the initial recommendation of the committee to hire an investment manager who may also serve in other capacities.

"We don't have enough management level personnel to fill the void [of administrator]… and we don't need to hire someone and be trained for those positions," added Rosario.

The committee was tasked by the board to work with the administration to get around the across-the-board hiring freeze issued by the governor.

According to Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo, the two positions are included in the approved FTEs and have been certified, which means there are available funds.

‘Suspend $10 fee for use of lots along July 4 parade route’

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Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (R-Saipan) asked yesterday for a one-year suspension on the imposition of a $10 fee for spectators who will set up tents on public lands along the Fourth of July parade route, saying the fee is “unfair due to such short notice.”

The Department of Land and Natural Resources announced on Tuesday the imposition of the $10 fee, just over a week before July 4.

Palacios, chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation’s Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations, said the delegation is not opposed to the fee but asked that it be imposed next year.

This one-year suspension, he said, will help better educate the people on the reason for imposing such fees.

“I’m hoping that DLNR and DPL [Department of Public Lands] will reconsider the fee as soon as possible,” Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, when asked for comment, said the decision to suspend the fee rests with DLNR. He said DPL’s only role is to help DLNR collect the fees, and remit them later to DLNR which, in turn, would use it to maintain public parks and beaches.

Acting DLNR Secretary Joaquin B. Songsong could not be immediately reached for comment.

Babauta said the law authorizing DLNR to impose such fees has been in the books for so many years now. Public Law 11-106 gives DLNR’s Division of Parks and Recreation the authority to establish “user” fees for all public parks and beaches that it maintains.

This will be the first time that such a fee will be charged.

Still, Palacios said the fee should not be imposed this year.

Palacios also recommended that the fee be raised to $40, instead of $10. He said $10 of the $40 fee will be refundable provided the campers clean up the area afterwards.

The lawmaker suggested that the remainder of the fees be used to rent portable toilets to be set along the beach area.

“It has been brought to our attention that in the previous years, campers would dig up holes in the sand along the beach just to use the restroom. This practice is extremely unsanitary. The placement of portable toilets in the area will surely stop this unhealthy practice,” Palacios told Songsong and Babauta.

He also asked DLNR and DPL to come up with a list of

Palacios

things that are prohibited on camp sites, including open camp fire and loud music.

DLNR said a permit will be issued to make sure that only those who have paid the $10 fee are allowed to set up tents on public land along the parade route.

It said individuals, families or groups will not be allowed to set up tents or use public lands without a temporary permit.

Temporary permit applications are available at the As Perdido office of the Division of Parks and Recreation. The fee must be paid at the DPL office at the Joeten Dandan Commercial Center, and the receipt brought back to the Division of Parks and Recreation Office in As Perdido, where a permit will be issued to the applicant.

The last date to apply for a spot is July 2, 2010, at 4:30pm and spots are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Officers will be on hand on July 3 and 4 to ensure that only individuals who have a temporary permit are occupying space, DLNR and DPL said.

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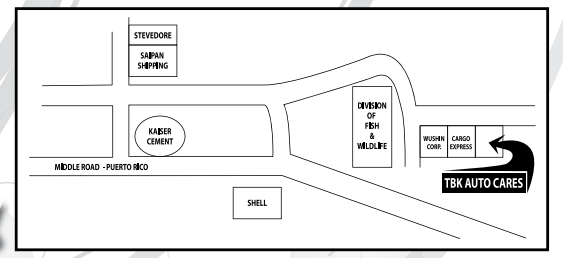

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Buckingham vows to enhance performance of prosecutors

Attorney General Edward Buckingham has vowed to improve the performance of the prosecutors at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division.

"I have confidence in this team. We will improve our performance and reduce the age of our cases," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

With the resignation of chief prosecutor Rosemond Santos and the departure today of assistant attorney general William Downer, the division will be left with four prosecutors: Brian Gallagher, Eli Golob, Sheli Neal, and Peter Priestly.

Michael Ernest will step up as chief prosecutor on Monday, June 28.

Buckingham said two new prosecutors—Russell Lorfing and Ben Petersburg—will be joining the division in a few weeks.

Lorfing used to work in the Texas Supreme Court, while Petersburg just graduated from the University of Iowa Law School.

With these people and Ernest serving as chief prosecutor, Buckingham said they will nearly be at full strength. "A full complement of prosecutors is seven plus the chief prosecutor," he said. ***(Ferdei de la Torre)***

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Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota), center, gestures as he addresses the crowd at a public hearing on the immigration status of foreign workers in the CNMI, held Wednesday night at Koblerville Elementary School. From left, Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Manglona, acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

But they are also split on whether such FAS-like status should allow these alien workers to live and work only in the CNMI, or they could also live and work in Guam and other U.S. states and territories.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chair of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, which held the public hearing, said that while granting an FAS-like status seemed to be the sentiment of many of those who testified on Wednesday night, this does not mean that it is shared by many others in the community.

"This is only the first of seven public hearings. We hope to hear more from the public," he said.

Hofschneider said the Senate would also like to hear directly from nonresident workers and their families during the next six public hearings on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Former Speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero said if he were to choose among the Interior's five recommendations, he would choose options 4 or 5.

Option 4 is a grant of nonimmigrant status similar to FAS citizens, whereby such persons may live and work in the U.S. and its territories, while option 5 also grants a FAS-like status but such persons may live and work in the CNMI only.

Deleon Guerrero said if foreign workers are given FAS-like status, they should not be given voting rights or should not be allowed to participate in the political process.

He also recommends raising the threshold to 10 years instead of five years, referring to the length of stay that foreign workers need to meet to be able to apply for improved status.

Tony Mareham, a private citizen, said he would also suggest giving FAS-like status to alien workers, but such status should only allow them to work and live in the CNMI.

Lars I. Palacios, also a private citizen, said allowing foreign workers to enter and work in the CNMI is a "privilege," not a "right."

"I don't like those five [Interior] options in the first place," he said.

But when asked by lawmakers about his suggestions, he said he'd rather leave the issue up to immigration experts and lawyers.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) reminded the public that it's not enough that people voice their opposition or support to the U.S. Department of the Interior's five recommendations to improve the status of foreign workers, but they should also say what they want to happen to these workers.

"If we don't come up with a unified position, then the federal government will decide for us," Reyes said at the public hearing.

He also wants to know the public's opinion on what to do with long-term foreign workers in the CNMI who do not qualify for H1 or H2 visas.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) echoed earlier sentiments that the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians would become endangered species in their own land should some 20,000 foreign workers are given U.S. citizenship.

Juan S. Reyes, a private citizen, said there should be more hearings on the issue of alien workers' status.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said suggestions may not be confined to the five options offered by the Interior.

"Maybe we can also look at allowing workers who are here today, to extend their contract indefinitely so long as their services are needed," he said, adding that this will also allow these workers to remain with their family and friends.

Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said local people should be trained to take over the positions currently held by nonresident workers.

The other Interior recommendations include having the U.S. Congress confer U.S. citizenship to long-term foreign workers; granting permanent resident status leading to U.S. citizenship, with the five-year minimum residence spent anywhere in the U.S. or its territories; and conferring a permanent resident status leading to U.S. citizenship, with the five-year minimum residence spent in the CNMI.

Indigenous Rights Movement Core Group chair Ignacio "Ike" DLG. Demapan, who is also the resident executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office, reiterated holding a referendum on the issue, as recommended by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

Demepan's core group organized a rally to show opposition to the Interior report and recommendation, a few weeks after nonresident workers and their supporters also held a motorcade and rally asking the U.S. Congress to immediately act on the Interior recommendations.

The Senate committee's next public hearing will be held on June 30, Wednesday, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 6pm to 9pm.

Once the Senate committee completes the seven public hearings, it will compile a report with suggested recommendations for submission to the U.S. Congress.

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sidered "critical" will receive their paychecks on time.

"If we have enough funds in our payroll account by next week Friday, then we should be able to issue the payroll checks. If not, we probably have to go through the same exercise.

The former Finance secretary said doctors, nurses, police officers and firefighters will always be the priority when it comes to getting paid on time.

Some $1.5 million is needed to pay close to 1,000 of these critical positions, and another $1.5 million to pay for the rest.

"Whoever is saying it's irresponsible, they better get used to it because that's how it's going to be. When there's no balanced budget that's passed, the constitutional amendment provides for those folks [employees in critical positions] to be paid and operations to continue. My message out there to the naysayer, better start getting used to it because that is how it's going to flow," Inos said in an interview at the second day of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit yesterday.

He said the central government is still working with the Commonwealth Development Authority in identifying funds that can be reprogrammed.

CDA remitted $1.9 million to the general fund on June 21, and this was the reason why most government employees got their paychecks that same day. Their payday was supposed to be on June 18.

CDA also earlier remitted $1 million, which the central government used to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The administration also asked the Marianas Public Land Trust to remit $4 million. A pending bill allows for the $4 million – which the Senate raised to $5.25 million – to be transferred to the general fund in a form of a loan.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial separately said yesterday that the administration won't be asking the Department of Public Lands for additional remittance, other than the $2.5 million it remitted recently that the central government used to pay CUC for immediate fuel purchases.

Erratum

Ebay of Kwajelain Atoll is a mile long and 200 meters wide, not a mile long and 200 miles wide as read in Jaime Vergara's column "Micronesian Summit" published June 23, 2010. Our apologies.

LIMTIACO

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ed rise in criminal activity due to the population growth accompanying the planned military buildup in Guam.

Limtiaco, 46, is the first Chamorro woman to become the U.S. Attorney for Guam and the District of the NMI. She was also the first Chamorro woman an elected attorney general of Guam.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judges Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and David Wiseman administered the oath for Limtiaco yesterday afternoon.

CNMI Chief Justice Miguel Demapan and Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona served as witnesses.

Tydingco-Gatewood said Guam and the CNMI are so proud to have the first Chamorro woman to be the U.S. Attorney.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she used to work with Limtiaco and witnessed her "incredible work ethics."

"She's a very diligent worker. It's really an honor to be here," said Tydingco-Gatewood, who also administered the same investiture for Limtiaco in Guam on Monday.

Tydingco-Gatewood said it was Chief Justice Demapan, who was also present at the investiture in Guam, who recommended having the same ceremony on Saipan.

At yesterday's investiture, Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo and U.S. AG Eric Holder Jr. gave pre-recorded congratulatory messages that were played on TV sets in the courtroom.

It was Bordallo who recommended Limtiaco's appointment to President Obama.

In her speech, Limtiaco said the military buildup in Guam is very unique in that it involves not only an increase of military personnel, but also an influx of civilians and immigrant workers, some of whom with backgrounds unknown to authorities.

"The rapid population growth and rapid social change may create a situation where norms become unstable, showing itself in an increase in criminal activity, including assaults, DUIs, family violence, child abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, and illegal drugs," Limtiaco said.

Issues such as wage and hour and other labor-related matters and immigration, she said, are also anticipated to rise.

"National security and counter-terrorism issues, financial and procurement fraud, public integrity and white collar crimes, cyber crime and identity theft, hate crimes, and human trafficking, will be and are also of critical concern," she said.

The U.S. Attorney said issues involving public safety and public health, rapid socio-economic changes, unstable norms, and racial and cultural matters are part of the evaluation as the CNMI and Guam prepare for the buildup.

Limtiaco said it is critical for federal law enforcement and officials to partner with local law enforcement counterparts, social service providers, victim service providers, public health officials, labor officials, educators, civic organizations, and other community stakeholders.

"It is through these multi-disciplinary and multi-organizational approaches, and resource sharing, that we have the opportunity to effectuate the greatest positive change and impact in our communities," she said.

NO PLANS

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Responding to CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on the second day of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executive Summit, Duncan said reinstating the direct flight is not feasible at this time. He said the low customer demand in Manila is the driver behind United-Continental's decision not to reinstate the flights.

Fitial said the return of the Manila-Saipan route would alleviate the plight of medical referral patients who need to travel to Manila for treatment.

Duncan said, however, that even the possibility of operating low-cost carriers for medical referral patients is not possible because even that involves high costs for United-Continental.

He added that federalization of CNMI local immigration actually has had a positive consequence for the Commonwealth's contract workers and medical referral patients because the new system allows them to transit through Guam when they travel to the Philippines.

Duncan said that with available flights throughout the Micronesian region, United-Continental approximately flies eight to 10 patients everyday, spending a significant amount for doctors, time, and effort for the service to the community.

Hospitals in the Philippines are the primary recipients of local patients with ailments that require advanced treatment. The alternative—airlifting patients to Guam—has proven more costly in the past.

The termination of the direct flights to Manila in 2008 affected thousands of Filipino workers in the CNMI and limited access to specialized medical care for locals.

At that time, the airline blamed the cancellation on the loss of passengers traveling to Saipan to take the National Council Licensure Examination nursing examinations, following the opening of testing centers in Manila in August 2007.

'Increased capacity'

In his presentation to summit participants, Duncan disclosed that the airline posted a 16-percent increase in capacity this year compared to last year.

In the CNMI, Continental Micronesia has six daily flights from Guam and Saipan and brought in 25 to 30 charter flights from Japan to Rota.

The airline also brings to Saipan about 10 charter flights from Japan every year.

Duncan said the airline and the Marianas Visitors Authority are actively talking about possible flight expansions in the future.

Because of the anticipated military buildup in Guam, Duncan said this will translate to demand for air travel, thus an expansion for the company.

"This growth will mean more demand for air travel—and we're focused on increasing seat capacity in line with demand," said Duncan.

No base relocation to Tinian; no delay in '14 buildup target

» Final EIS on military buildup out in July

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Guam and CNMI's request to delay the implementation of the military buildup in Guam beyond 2014 won't happen until both the U.S. and Japan governments agree to it, an official at the Joint Guam Program Office told Micronesian presidents, governors and delegates yesterday.

Camacho

The Joint Guam Program Office oversees the $10 billion to $20 billion military buildup in Guam.

Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho and CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reiterated their call for the 2014 buildup date to be pushed back, during the second day of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit yesterday.

Camacho said that, although the buildup holds promises, it also has unexpected costs that are not fully addressed, including impacts on infrastructure.

John Jackson, JGPO executive director, said both the U.S. and Japan governments are still looking at 2014 as the target date for the buildup.

"2014 is still the target date until it's amended by the U.S. government and Japan government," he said at the summit held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

Jackson also said there is no decision to relocate troops from the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma in Okinawa to Tinian.

Fitial also asked whether the U.S. Department of Defense is still interested in using Pagan for training. Jackson said the viability of Pagan as a future training site hinges on the results of the different surveys ongoing in the Northern Islands.

"Once that surveys is done, the decision will be made by the U.S. Marine Corp and the Navy. They would go forward or discard the plan. If they go forward with the plan, then that's when you see a draft environmental impact statement," the JGPO official said.

Jackson was one of two presenters on the military buildup update during the summit. The other was one Gary Kuwabara, Western Regional director of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In his presentation, Jackson said the final EIS on the military buildup will be out in the last week of July 2010.

He said the Federal Register and JGPO will provide information about accessing the document online and where copies will be available on island.

The final EIS notice of availability marks the start of a waiting period. A minimum of 30 days must pass before the action proponent can make a decision on the proposed action.

Jackson said the Record of Decision, which is the final step in the National Environmental Policy Act, is the document that states what the decision is, identifies the alternatives considered, including the environmentally preferred alternative; and discusses mitigation plans, including any enforcement and monitoring documents.

The Record of Decision is expected to be released in early September 2010.

Jackson said all comments on the draft EIS were considered.

Because Guam cannot accommodate all training for the relocating Marines, the military looks at Tinian to provide opportunities for training groups of 200 Marines or larger due to greater land availability.

Both the CNMI and Guam governments expressed concern on the socio-economic impacts of the buildup.

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Austerity may be 'every-other-Friday' instead of 1-hour daily cut

» Senate, House joint panel to separate work hour cuts, revenue generation proposals

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REPORTER

Instead of cutting work time by one hour every day, government employees may have an unpaid every-other-Friday holiday at least for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 to avert another payless payday.

This was one of the suggestions in yesterday's first meeting of the conference committee on the contentious House austerity bill that seeks to cut government work hours from 80 to 70 per pay period.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) said he is happy that the Senate now "seems amenable" to reducing government spending by cutting work hours, on top of increasing fees to generate revenue.

"Nothing is final yet but I am glad they realize the reality of the problem. I'm very pleased they did that. But they are also telling the House that we need to focus on revenue generation," Basa told *Saipan Tribune.*

Basa joins Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), and acting Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) on the conference committee.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), in a separate phone interview, said the committee has also agreed to separate the cost-cutting and revenue-generating aspects of the Senate-amended austerity bill.

Basa's House Bill 17-45 seeks to cut work hours to seven a day, from the regular eight hours to cut government costs. Under the bill, work hours will be from 8:30am to 4:30pm instead of 7:30am to 4:30pm.

The House passed the bill, but the Senate amended it to remove the work hour cuts; in lieu it proposed to raise taxes and fees. The House rejected the Senate version, and a conference committee was formed.

Reyes said the House will have to introduce a new bill to reflect the revenue-generating aspect of the Senate version.

"But as to the work hour cuts, that is still under discussion. … At the public hearings done by the Senate, people said they'd rather see every-other-Friday austerity than a daily work hour cut so they could do more with their time off from work. The Senate is willing to sit down and find a middle ground. And the Senate also finds the leadership of the acting vice speaker a good one; we have a good working relationship," he said.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the Senate is willing to revisit the cost-cutting aspect of the bill.

Basa, Reyes and Hofschneider separately said that they conference committee will have another meeting on Monday, and they asked Finance Secretary Bob Schrack and Management and Budget's Vicky Villagomez to sit down with them to go over the most current government revenue figures.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial earlier called on lawmakers to pass the austerity bill to help foil another payless payday.

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Bill giving $45K to Liberation festivities vetoed

» Saipan mayor not giving up hope

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed on Wednesday a Saipan local bill that seeks to give $45,000 to fund the 2010 Liberation Day activities, saying there are no funds available to be re-appropriated from the local law cited in the measure.

The festivities started on June 4 and will end on July 4.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores said he won't halt Liberation Day festivities at the Garapan Fishing Base but is hoping the Fitial administration will be able to reprogram funds for this annual event.

"I am very disappointed that there's no money available for re-appropriation under the bill, but I'm happy that the governor and lieutenant governor said they may reprogram some money for it. I will be meeting with them Friday," Flores told *Saipan Tribune.*

He said all he wants is to have vendors at the Liberation Day grounds paid.

"I want the sound system operator to get paid, I want to have the power bills paid, to have all vendors paid," Flores added.

The $45,000 is part of a proposed $80,000 re-appropriation from poker fee collections under Saipan Local Law 16-4.

"The measure cannot be approved as there are no funds available to be re-appropriated from the Saipan local law," Fitial told Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and acting Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) in his veto message.

House Local Bill 17-15, D2, introduced by House Floor Leader George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan), seeks to re-appropriate $80,000 from Section 2(b)(8) and (10) from Saipan Local Law 16-4.

While $45,000 is for Liberation Day festivities, the other $25,000 is proposed to be re-appropriated for personnel costs at the Saipan Mayor's Office and another $10,000 has been proposed to pay for costs associated with the Chamorro Language conference on Rota in April.

A portion of the municipality's revenue was tapped for the construction of festival booths while they wait for the approval of the funding request. These revenues are not enough to sustain the operation of the Liberation Day grounds, that is why the Saipan Mayor's Office has been looking forward to supplemental funding from Saipan lawmakers.

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First ladies read aloud, dance with NMI kids

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

First ladies of the CNMI, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Palau came together yesterday morning in a celebrity read-aloud activity at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library that also had the special guests dancing with local children and learning exercise moves.

Parents and library staff alike watched as first ladies Josie Fitial (CNMI), Joann Camacho (Guam), and Hannah Jurelang Zedkaia (RMI), together with Sadaria W. Fritz, wife of Palau Minister Harry Fritz, joined the children in learning some smooth dance moves and enjoying educational stories.

Yesterday's activities were part of the library's Wise Women Village Project-Healthy Ballroom Dance program—one of the many summer programs targeting the youth. The first ladies read to the children books such as *Quick as a Cricket* and *The Prayer of Jabez*. The first ladies did a lot more than just read, though, when Guam first lady Joann Camacho asked everyone to join together and sing *What a Wonderful World*.

Dancers from the Rose Dance Studio also contributed to the festivities with periodic dance energizers. The guests taught the crowd stretches and ballroom dances, mixed with reggae and hula hoops exercises.

"I think it's important to make time for children," said Camacho. "First of all, it's really fun. Also, you let the children know as leaders of the community that you do care. The exercise that they do is good, it's healthy."

'Cash for College' workshop on Tinian today

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a mini "Cash for College" workshop on Tinian today, June 25, in Room D at the NMC Tinian Instructional Site. Participants can stop by at anytime between the hours of 9am and 12pm.

Workshop attendees will receive personal assistance and guidance in completing financial aid forms for the CNMI Scholarship, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Tinian Municipal Scholarship, and other scholarships. NMC staff will also be present to assist new students with the enrollment and application process.

Participants are encouraged to bring a valid identification card, tax forms, proof of residency for 2008 and 2009, a proof of continuing residency, and an official high school transcript. For more information, contact the offices of the NMC Tinian Instructional Site at 433-0649/0657. ***(PR)***

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June 25, 1999

Burning of used oil by CUC violates federal regulation

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been burning its used oil without an energy recovery recycling system, a practice , which is in violation of the federal environmental standards. According to Larry Guerrero, CUC's environmental planner, the utilities firm incinerates 20 drums a day of used oil. CUC gets 30,000 to 34,000 barrels for every 20 days of diesel fuel for its power plant every 20 days from Mobil Oil. In a year, CUC burns approximately 6,500 gallons. The Environmental Protection Agency has imposed a set of regulations governing the management of used oils. Guerrero was among the panelists in the used oil recycling discussion in the ongoing Pacific Islands Conference.

CNMI tells INS to dispose of four vessels

Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark D. Zachares yesterday asked the Immigration and Naturalization Service to take over the four Chinese migrant vessels for immediate disposal. In a letter sent to Dave K. Johnson, officer-in-charge of INS, Zachares said the continued storage of the ships in Tinian Harbor poses a major threat to the community with the onset of the rainy season. The labor and immigration chief sent the letter after Saipan Port Manager Antonio B. Cabrera informed him that a request must be sent by the CNMI government to INS in Guam that it does not want to have anything to do with the vessels.

June 25, 2001

NMI hopes to tap Chinese travelers

The administration of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio maintains an open door to proposals that will aggressively help the government sell the Northern Mariana Islands in other tourism markets, including China and Hong Kong. But Tenorio has noted the need for a closer review of tourism promotional suggestions that may be carried out by the Marianas Visitors Authority, especially when it involves tapping the huge market from the mainland China. Tenorio expressed willingness to sit down with MVA officials to explore the possibilities of meeting with Chinese officials, where proposals to include the Commonwealth in the list of places that its citizens can visit is expected to be laid down.

Direct loan moratorium remains

Once the economy shows signs of recovery and loan payments improve, the Commonwealth Development Authority may start looking at the possibility of lifting its 10-month moratorium on direct loans. CDA Board Chair Juan S. Tenorio, in a recent interview, noted that the Commonwealth economy's apparent slow recovery and the poor debt payment of direct loan borrowers continue to prevent his office from reinstating its direct loan program. Currently, Tenorio said $48 million in direct loans or Economic Development Loan Funds remain uncollected from its borrowers. He said that although 80 percent of direct loan borrowers continue to pay their arrears, not all of them are paying the whole amount.

June 25, 2002

Earmarking for solid waste management

In its first year alone, closing down the Puerto Rico dump and opening the Marpi landfill, as well as improving the disposal facilities on Tinian and Rota, would cost the CNMI government close to $14 million. This underscores the need for a consistent source of revenue for solid waste management and Rep. Arnold I. Palacios is recommending that all excise taxes derived from beer and other malt beverage be exclusively earmarked for this purpose. This also makes it compliant with the statutory requirement that the funding source for solid waste management must have at least a five-year history, he said in a letter to House Speaker Hein S. Hofschneider.

Japanese coming for peace memorial rites

Hundreds of Japanese visitors are arriving on Saipan for three consecutive days starting Thursday, including the Shiko Gakuen, a group that annually pays tribute to Japanese soldiers who died on the islands during the World War II. More than 200 Shiko Gakuen members are set to arrive on Saipan this Friday, to resume their "peace memorial ceremony" annually held at the Banzai cliff. The yearly rites were interrupted last year following the September 11 terrorist attacks. Thus said Shirley Manahane, Jalpak International Micronesia, Inc.'s operations division senior chief. Jalpak is among the travel agencies on Saipan.

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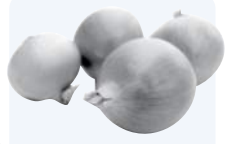

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Making debit cards cheaper

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Cash and checks are just so 20th century. Even credit cards aren't as popular among shoppers as they were. For a variety of reasons—convenience, accountability, security—shoppers are increasingly using debit cards to make their purchases. That's a good thing for the banks that issue the cards. For the merchants, not so much—the fee they incur for accepting debit cards has risen sharply in recent years. Consumers pay too, as merchants raise their prices to cover those fees.

Now, Congress is debating whether to put those "interchange" fees under Washington's control. During last month's debate over a financial regulatory reform bill (S 3217), the Senate voted 64 to 33 in favor of an amendment by Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., to have the Federal Reserve regulate interchange fees for debit and stored-value cards (e.g., prepaid Visa cards). Specifically, the bill said the fees would have to be "reasonable and proportional to the actual cost incurred by the issuer or payment card network with respect to the transaction."

The cost of processing electronic transactions has declined over the years, but the fees charged by MasterCard and Visa for debit-card transactions has not. In fact, proponents of Durbin's amendment say that the charge has increased sharply for certain types of merchants and certain types of cards. Banks, credit unions and card issuers counter that the service they provide merchants involves more than just transferring money from a shopper's checking account. If interchange fees are cut by the Fed, they say, consumers will face higher annual fees and less generous rewards programs.

Although the near-duopoly enjoyed by MasterCard and Visa is unsettling, we're not persuaded that the Fed needs to intervene in what is essentially a tussle between banks and retailers. If the two big companies abuse their market power, there's a remedy for merchants in antitrust law. But there is something Congress can do to help consumers, and in the process promote competition among the different types of payment: It can bar the card companies—Visa and MasterCard as well as other networks like Discover and Amex—from requiring retailers to treat all their products equally and to accept them on transactions of all sizes.

Merchants complain that they're effectively prevented from offering discounts to customers who use cards with comparatively low interchange fees (such as debit cards protected by PINs) instead of those with high interchange fees (such as credit cards that pay their owners rebates). And the inability to set minimum and maximum purchase limits forces them to accept cards even when it makes no sense economically—for example, when the shopper buys a pack of gum. Durbin's amendment includes provisions to eliminate those restrictions, enabling retailers to promote lower-cost forms of payment and putting pressure on card networks to lower interchange fees.

The change would help consumers by giving them more chances to avoid the hidden charges.

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An analysis of the proposed Saipan Casino Control Act

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Editor's Note: The following is Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon Blas Camacho's testimony on House Bill 17-56, the proposed Saipan Casino Control Act of 2010, at the June 11, 2010, public hearing conducted by the House Committee on Commerce & Tourism. Due to its length, it will be published as a six-part series.

Fifth of a six-part series

In addition, the budget process prescribed in HB 17-56 does not conform to standard operating budget process and procedure long practiced on Tinian with the allocation of Tinian casino revenues. Rota mirrors the budget process and procedure practiced on Tinian, whereby the respective municipal councils, acting as constitutional agencies of local government, must first receive and scrutinize the budget submitted by the mayor, the commission and the municipal treasury that was packaged by the treasury for council concurrence prior to transmission to the legislative delegation for its separate concurrence, notwithstanding the fact that the local delegation is not part of Article 6 on agencies of local government, nor a creature of the constitution prescribed in Article 6.

Finally, the bill's centerpiece, aside from its attempt at reviving the twice-rejected casino gaming for Saipan, is the prominence and overarching role of the profit-driven Northern Marianas Descent Investment Corp., a holder of the only casino license for qualified NDMs.

Article 3, section 2(a)-(h) establishes and defines the NMDIC organization and its organizational structure, characteristics, requirements, fees, and conditions for sale or assignability. The corporation and its board is also empowered to hold a leasehold interest to the public land designated and issued by the Department of Public Land or its successor agency for casino operation and activities. Upon corporate dissolution, the reversionary interests and all improvements on and to the designated public land would automatically convert to education center for academic learning and vocational training to benefit persons of NMD.

The NMDIC Board of Directors is also empowered to issue additional shares of common (valued at $500 a share) and preferred stocks (valued at $1 per share) to qualified NMDs, but limits the number of shares on and voting to common stockholders only. However, the yet-to-be-named and revealed incorporators of NMDIC are lawfully authorized and mandated in Article 3, section 2(a)(1) to "publicly announce the issuance of available stocks to persons of NMD in accordance with section 2" of the act. Absent the identity of NMDIC incorporators, it would appear to make the implementation of this provision self-executing and suspect at the same time! This is especially so when the initial incorporators appear to be the only authorized agent required to schedule a meeting with common stockholders (as preferred stockholders apparently do not qualify) to elect the directors, officers, and other offices as prescribed in the NMDIC bylaws.

Unlike foreign investors, who are required to front $1,000,000 in investor casino license fee on top of the $250,000 application fee, NMDIC only has to put up $100,000 in casino license fee and $150,000 in casino operator permit fee. Foreign investors are also required to build a Las Vegas five-star hotel and casino complex with a convention center valued at least $500,000,000. Yet, only NMDIC is allowed to enter into third-party agreements or franchises (totaling five agreements) with hotels and casino management and business operators, or in a design-build-operate-finance-manage a "first class hotel and casino" scheme. Both NMDIC and foreign investors, however, are allowed to execute a sale, lease, assignment, transfer of casino license, permit and others under certain conditions.

II. Conclusion

On balance, it appears the goal in reviving and enabling the ailing local economy to the heyday of the garment boom, for instance, is laudable and warrants our utmost commendation and positive opinion and support.

After all, what other industry does Saipan, the Northern Islands, or the CNMI for that matter, have to buttress our ailing hospitality industry and the barely revived agricultural industry? Does anyone have any inkling?

As we all know, our biggest local economy at the moment is public service employment. We do not have a military economy to speak of, like Guam, for instance.

Without a strong and vibrant economy, the quality of life, as we know it and expect, is but an illusion at worst and like a candle in the wind at best. Moreover, without a strong and healthy tax base to support our existing public services and capital infrastructure, the government economy would likely result in fait accompli, if it has not yet, in much the way the World Trade Agreement directly caused the demise of Saipan's multi-billion dollar garment industry, once the showcase of capitalistic free market enterprise in America's most recent addition.

With the demise of the garment industry, thanks to the effort by some in Congress, the immigration takeover by the federalists and the implementation of the federal minimum wage, followed a domino effect, sending the prices of food, medicine, and other essential

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I'm too sexy for my shoes

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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If there's one thing the Commonwealth knows well, it's the almighty zori. Over in the mainland they're more commonly called "flip-flops," but whatever you call them we're talking big business: The April edition of Inc. magazine said that flip-flops are an estimated $1.5 billion industry.

Yikes! I can't verify that figure, but anything close to it is a high-dollar deal. Ah, idle pipe dreams: For that kind of coin, maybe Saipan will launch the next zori blockbuster, capitalizing on our idle factories, our considerable expertise in the zori realm, our cheap postal rates to the mainland market, and the cool tropical marketing angle that would be conferred by a "Saipan" or "Micronesia" angle on things.

We could do it one of two ways:

(1) The Hong Kong way, where our revenues exceed our costs, and we thus derive positive cash flow from our operations. This is an admittedly quaint concept, so I mention it strictly for journalistic posterity.

(2) The Saipan way, where we get a $2 million federal grant, appoint somebody's incompetent relative as Deputy Director of Flip-Flops, use the terms "public-private partnership" and "strategic" so often it induces nausea, then give sole-source contracts to sleazy, unqualified consultants who will kick back 20 percent of the contract values as bribes. I favor this approach since it is, as they say, the Commonwealth's "core competency," and made us the highly respected economic powerhouse we are today.

Where did the name "zori" come from, anyway? Have you ever wondered? I hope so, because I have. It is a Japanese term. From the characters that form the word, I surmise it means "straw shoe," which is the traditional incarnation of this footwear. So I guess we use the term in a broader, more generic way these days.

But if one zori is called, well, a "zori," then what do you call two of them? The plural, as I've seen it written, is "zoris." That term was employed by the late novelist John D. MacDonald, and if it's good enough for him, it's good enough for me.

There's evidently a following with the mainland college crowd, as evidenced by college-theme zoris sold online by an outfit called Rainbow Sandals, which has a mighty impressive array of zori styles, by the way. Even Texas A&M has a zori made for it, and that's cowboy territory out there, partner. What's next, John Wayne in a sarong?

Furthermore, according to the Inc. magazine article, "Increasingly, executives wear their favorite flip-flops around the office." I'd be a skeptic on this note, but "increasingly" is a calculatedly broad term that buys a lot of latitude, so I'll just shrug.

By the way, we're not always talking five-dollar cheapies here. The fancy zoris go for over $100 in some cases. And I see, on the Web, many models for $50 or so.

This introduces a crazy paradox, or at the least a slippery way for me to segue to a rant: While the zori, which most of us associate with warm climates, seems to be evolving, I've noted that quality shoes for the tropics are getting harder to find. I used to be able to find good, leather-lined chukka boots for tropical duty, suitable for everything from casual business wear to boonie stomping, but the shoe industry has taken the low road and seems to offer nothing but sweat-box, synthetically-lined shoes now, at least at the affordable end of the spectrum. Heck, given this situation, I'll be trying to put a spit-shine on some zoris pretty soon.

So I think it's cool that some companies are developing good zoris, because much of the footwear industry seems to think we want to suffocate our feet in synthetic garbage.

But not everyone is enthusiastic. The health tip of the week in the May 4, 2006 issue of Forbes.com is "Skip The Flip-Flop." Thus spoke Forbes: "The shoes are a major cause of foot problems because they offer little, if any, support."

From what I've seen, feet are the major cause of foot problems, but nobody asked me.

I had no idea flip-flops are such a hot topic, but they are. I'll post some zori-related links at SaipanBlog.com.

Bike Trails 4: The graffiti in Kilili

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan is sponsor to the MINA adopt-a-bin program at the Minatchom Atdao-Kilili section of the park by the lagoon north of the Veterans Memorial Park and across from the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Recently, a spray-painting artist decided to display his spelling skills on the back of the recycling trash bin, prominently facing southbound traffic. The words used were *Go Home Alien Filipino Terrorist Fraud Muslim Burden CNMI.* The writer evidently did well in Spelling Bee.

It was the aesthetic of the newly painted and subsequently defaced trash receptacle that might have alerted the office of the congressman, deciding swiftly to apply a new coat of paint over the attempt at free speech, cognizant we are sure that this is a legally protected provision of the bill of rights, but nevertheless has built-in limitations especially when it involves defacing public property. There are other ways of expressing one's sentiment, political or otherwise, and the congressman's quick response to the defacement, regardless of the validity of the message, is commendable.

A few years back when I was still tending the affairs of the Marianas Resource Center of the Saipan Immanuel United Methodist Church, after a visit to the Shinto shrine at the Sugar King Park a few feet above the Man'amko Center, we noticed the proliferation of graffiti on walls. There were attempts to introduce artful lettering style of words used, primarily of people's names, but the graphic and verbal depictions of sexual functions were definitely not the right image appropriate for the environment.

DENCIO MANGLONA

Recently, a spray-painting artist decided to display his spelling skills on the back of this recycling trash bin at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion across the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

I visited "Uncle" David Sablan, who headed the board of the Marianas Visitors Authority at the time. "I can organize a few hands if you can get us the paint to clean up the internal and external walls of the shrine at Sugar King Park," I said. Ever the decisive executive, Mr. Sablan got MVA's managing director to line up the supplies. The mostly Filipino members of the Immanuel UMC congregation gathered at the park one Saturday morning and gave the graffiti-decorated walkway, gate, and shrine some fresh brush strokes. No fanfare, the deed got done.

Graffiti as vandalism is known worldwide, from the tourist's impulse to etch one's name someplace at a place visited (the "Kilroy was here" syndrome) to juvenile self-indulgent egotism up to the crafted statement of political and ethical assertions. Los Angeles has a public service line that receives requests for the removal of graffiti within 48 hours of notice, at the same time elevating the practice into an artform where a subsequent display of output, e.g., murals, in an art gallery, when deemed to be of artistic quality, ensues.

The Kilili trash bin contained a more inflammatory message. It targeted a particular nationality, the Filipinos, who, one will remember, were welcomed on Rota as early as 1700 when a galleon capsized off its rugged shores, and the Malayo-Polynesian sailors (probably Muslim-influenced *Visayans*) were left unharmed, even allowed to start families with the local ladies. Lang reportedly exclaimed in public while still governor, "If you cannot stand Filipinos, look at yourself in the mirror!" To some folks of Filipino decent, asking them to go home might just legitimately respond, "We are home!"

Defacing public property on Saipan hardly compares to those in many urban centers. In recent visits even in socially conscious and disciplined Japan, from Tokyo to Sapporo, especially along roads and the railroad tracks, the ubiquitous graffiti glares. Even cities in China are not spared, although, like Singapore, the legal punishment is severe and humiliating. But though all, including Korea, have a deep-seated "loss of face" cultural fear, the built-in deterrent had not worked well toward bare slates and clean walls' favor.

CUC stations are favored targets, so are chairs on the lagoon pathway, with even the historical marker across from the MVA office was not spared. The new demo toilet at the junction of Quarter Master Rd. and Beach Rd. is a perennial. Happily, just when we are about to alert MVA staff to check historical markers, benches, and park structures, the park work crew had come around.

Graffiti writing is as ancient as the pictographs of European Neanderthals, and though the human impulse explains its occurrence, it does not justify its prevalence. It is an accepted dictum that graffiti writers tend to express their despair and reflect the gloom-and-doom perspective they hold. Idle, hollow or unoccupied buildings in Saipan are magnets, and foreign-owned establishments get more than their fair share of attention. Filipinos and Chinese, by sheer numbers, are fair game sitting ducks.

Having lived in Guam, Majuro, and visited Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Palau (still waiting for an excuse to be Yap-bound), I can attest to the flourishing of graffiti writing, and the trend is not abating anytime soon. For the impulse is easily triggered by the feeling of alienation that is occurring in our villages and communities, where the feeling of belonging to the geography and the economic, political, and cultural processes abiding in them have excluded many who have been dulled into being recipients of someone else's expertise, or worst, dole. Not to be trite but with freedom comes response-*ability*, and to many, the ability to respond to the local situation has become null and void. The resulting lash of anger takes a mild form in the graffiti writing on our walls.

A malaise from rapid urbanization is the alienation of those who do not participate in the decision-making processes that affect their lives. Indeed, today's revolution is still democracy, and the leaders of the Micronesian water continent, with its fast diversifying populace and the recognition of its ocean treasures, will be well to heed their indigenous people's cry, not to fan their despair, but to find ways to recover and engage their hopes.

Letters to the Editor

The federal government's purview

This is in response to Gregorio Cruz's letter to the editor ("Public hearings on Interior recommendations," *Saipan Tribune*, June 24, 2010), where he asked, "If we are to accept the granting of permanent residency or citizenship to almost 20,000 foreign guest workers in the Commonwealth, what will happen 10 years from today?"

First of all, granting residency or citizenship to anyone in the United States or its territories is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government. You or anyone in the CNMI have no jurisdiction on such matter and your acceptance is not needed. Ten years from today, if the federal government grants the contract workers permanent residency or citizenship in the CNMI, we will have a better government, where we will have checks and balances within and corruption will be minimized.

Cruz also stated, "One of the proposals suggested by a close ally to the Virgin Islands before the U.S Subcommittee hearing stated that a law granting permanent residency to 20,000 non-immigrant workers in 1982 took precedent." Once again, precedents or past rulings of appellate courts in the United States are laws of the land and the U.S Supreme Court had upheld such predicaments in the past.

"When will it end, is the real question." It will never end until such time that foreign workers are granted permanent residency or citizenship in the United State of America. The CNMI government has no jurisdiction on such matter and the federal government has the final say so. Yes, let your voices be heard to protect the status quo.

Segundo Castro
Stockton, CA

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.
▲87° ▼78°	▲90° ▼79°	▲90° ▼79°	▲90° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°

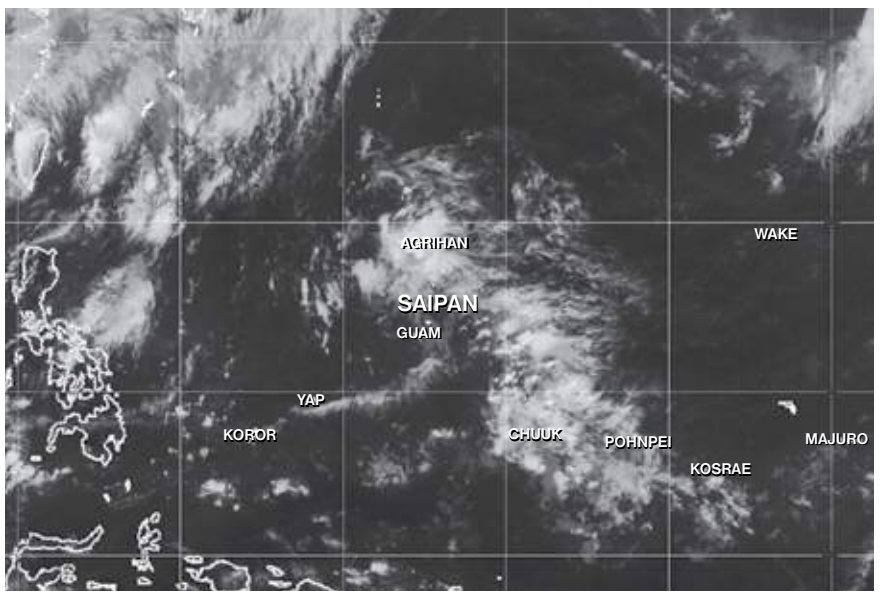
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Rain	▲82	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲57	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲89	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲84	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92	▼82
Melbourne	Rain	▲58	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼82
New York	Thundershowers	▲93	▼68
Osaka	Rain	▲76	▼75
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼59
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲77	▼70
Rome	Sunny	▲83	▼64
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼70
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲82	▼73
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲98	▼75

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Divergence associated with an upper-level low centered near 19N143E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Mariana Islands in an area between 14N and 23N from 141E to 147E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in an area from east of Guam southeastward across Chuuk and Pohnpei to the equator. The area is bounded by a line from 15N149E to 15N154E to 5N161E to EQ156E to 6N149E back to 15N149E. Low-level convergence is also triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in a small area southeast of Yap within 75 miles of a line from 5N142E to 6N145E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers across the southern Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line from 2N164E to 8N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
5:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
1:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
8:33 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:50 PM	4:21 AM
Saturday	6:43 PM	5:16 AM
Sunday	7:31 PM	6:11 AM
Monday	8:15 PM	7:04 AM
Tuesday	8:56 PM	7:55 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 27, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4 ,6 ,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Letter to the Editor

Report card

Dear Lee Anderson, Lee Piliwali, Holani A. Smith or whatever you are calling yourself now: Sorry to disappoint you; I missed the Memorial Day commemoration for the first time in many years.

I and many others here believe that revisiting the Covenant to determine whether the promises made by both sides are being kept, whether that agreement continues to be in the best self interest of both of the parties involved as written, and what other options should be opened for examination, is reasonable in light of recent events and historical context. Independence is but one of many options that will be looked into by the 2nd Political Status Commission. So is leaving everything as it is, changing nothing. The commission will examine these possibilities and many others in between before arriving at recommendations which, if change is involved, would be voted on by you, Holani, and all other voters in the CNMI. Well, maybe not by you since you have not voted here since 1997. Apparently you think voting is unimportant. You are wrong. The voice of the people will decide, not the written ramblings of one such as yourself.

Here is something else you are wrong about. Now is absolutely the right time to look back and evaluate our political and economic status. Responsible individuals, governments and companies must periodically generate a "report card" to see how they are progressing toward their goals. The 35 years since this agreement was put into place have seen tremendous changes take place locally and on the world stage. No longer a mere pawn controlled by military tribunal or by a U.N. trust territory government, the CNMI has had a small taste of freedom and has used that opportunity to springboard itself economically. The U.S. has seen its military "welcome mat" in Asia and Europe pulled from under its feet and is looking hard for alternative front line bases and training site opportunities. The 14 islands of the Northern Marianas have once again become strategically important as a result. Other major changes have and are taking place.

Many here believe that true independence is the only proper way to ensure the promised self-governance for the Northern Marianas. Many others just want to take a look at the report card and see if there are other economic or political options we should look into. You might want to read the legislation as proposed before knee-jerking another of your letters to the editor.

American Samoa's governor, Togiola Tulafono, in the June 10th edition of the *Marianas Variety*, said he wants full autonomy to enact their own laws and be free from the negative impact of laws passed in Washington D.C. So we are not the only people wanting to take another look at the current deal.

One thing is for sure, Piliwali, only you buy into your crazed hypothesis that we here on Saipan are under imminent immediate attack by Islamic militants. I'm suggesting a short holiday away from your delusions might be in order. Mellow out a little while the adults look after our mutual welfare.

Rep. Stanley T. McGinnis Torres
17th CNMI Legislature

ANALYSIS

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commodities in a tailspin; causing air freights and shipping rates to skyrocket overnight; mail services and deliveries quadruple in cost instantly; airlifts and seat capacity from major tourist origins to suffer a precipitous downward spiral; fuel costs behaving like a mercury in an almost unstoppable upswing mode; and a slew of spin-off adversities.

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Letter to the Editor

Planting seeds for tomorrow

So just how bad have things gotten here in the CNMI? Panhandling on all intersections all across the island is a weekly occurrence. The panhandlers used to use signboards. Now they just go up to your car without signs, knock on your window, and ask for money.

But wait. It gets worse. Panhandling at the post office; panhandling at the stores. And the saddest part? Children have become panhandlers. Parents are now using their kids to beg for money. I wonder if the money that children get from begging will go for groceries or for buying beer, ice, or playing poker? If a 6-year-old comes up to you and begs for money and there are no parents around, do the right thing. Don't give money. Call the police, so they can contact DYS and place this hungry child in a home where he or she will have the proper care necessary.

Remember the old days when burglars would have the decency to at least wait until you left your residence to rob your home? Now these burglars break into your home while you are sleeping. They'll turn on your TV, fix a midnight snack, and maybe check their Facebook page on your laptop that they are about to steal.

Remember when we used to leave our doors unlocked? Now we lock our doors, lock the gate, and release the pit bulls. Some keep a .22 rifle near their beds, but the majority of us settle for an aluminum baseball bat or a machete.

Remember as kids how we used to ride our bikes in the neighborhoods or walk around our village visiting our friends and *familia*? Now our kids can't even play outside our yards without a parent or relative keeping a close eye on them at all times.

Remember when our government leaders were honest, forthright, put people first before politics, and would hire based on education and experience rather than familial relations? LOL! Yeah, neither do I. Well, I guess we can say that some things never change, right?

These truly are desperate times. If it weren't for the United States federal government we love to sue and hate and curse, many of our families would starve. The truth is, we have become far too dependent on Uncle Sam.

If Governor Fitial and the rest of our leaders truly care about our people during these desperate times, then it is time they respond with desperate measures. Instead of passing out *chenchule*, it is time to pass out knowledge. If there is anything most families have on our islands, it is land. If our people cannot find work, then they can learn to farm their land. They can learn to produce crops.

Before his passing, my wife's grandfather would talk about the tons of crops produced here in the Marianas under the Japanese administration. Grandpa Henry told me that our people would grow everything under the sun. From sugar cane fields to coffee plantations, if it could grow, it was grown.

So what has happened? Have our people become totally reliant on guest workers to plant our crops? Have our people become so dependent on Uncle Sam to give us food that we forgot how to plant our own?

There's an old saying that if you give a man a fish, he'll eat for a day. But if you teach him how to fish, he will eat for a lifetime. Our waters are overfished and it may be difficult to catch *atulai* these days, but nothing is stopping us from planting the seeds that will feed our families.

I have never had much of a green thumb. Growing up, I wasn't interested in the produce my parents grew at our farm in Chalan Galaide. My parents would bring home bitter melon, sweet potatoes, peanuts, wing beans, *pechay*, watermelon, corn, tomatoes, cassava, taro, bananas, tangerines, soursop, papaya, mangoes, sugarcane, *santol*, *pomelo*, and other produce from the farm, and they would be excited. I didn't get it. Now, in these difficult times, I get it. I am starting to grow my own crops. I am learning to respect the land and make use of it. I have so much to learn. But through my parents, and through my friends who farm, I am learning how to become less dependent on the stores, and more dependent on myself.

Grandpa Henry told me that the future of these islands is in agriculture. I believe him. But it is going to take a lot of hard work and cooperation to make it happen. If we want to curb crime and bring families and communities together, then maybe it is time we respond by planting seeds for tomorrow. Follow the example of Moses Fejeran, my dad's friend, who no longer has a guest worker as a farmer and takes care of his three-hectare ranch by himself. The payoff is considerable: no wages to someone else, no sets of papers to file and government agencies to visit, reduced food costs, vastly improved health due to the physical exercise, reduced health costs and prescription drugs, a happy, positive demeanor, and undoubtedly a longer life. My dad tells me that Mr. Fejeran just turned 70! I've never known my dad to lie to me, but Mr. Fejeran doesn't look a day over 50. Seems he has found the fountain of youth. Maybe more should try his means of improved health and enhanced income.

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Sparks: Guam buildup a major challenge for Coast Guard

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REPORTER

The relocation of American troops from the Futenma base in Okinawa to the Marianas will be one of the major challenges that confront the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, according to its commander, Capt. Thomas Sparks.

In his address to the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit yesterday at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa, Sparks expressed concern that Pacific islands will not have adequate resources to deal with the impact of the impending military buildup.

"In my view at least, our current assets, personnel, infrastructure and budget are insufficient," Sparks told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sparks said he wants to make sure that adequate funds are accessible to accommodate the influx of temporary workers and increase in permanent residents.

"I'm working very closely with my chain of command and making sure that they're aware of my concerns… We're putting together proposals for the highest levels of the Coast Guard to increase our numbers and make assessments," he said.

According to Sparks, the Sector Guam has roughly 250 to 260 personnel in Guam. However, some of the staff are only "support folks" and only support Sector Guam or are supported by Sector Guam administratively. "They're not people for which I can task to do the Coast Guard missions here," he said.

The USCG Sector Guam mission comprises maritime safety, protection of natural resources, maritime mobility, maritime security, and national defense.

Without any plans yet to relocate their cutters or ships and some of their support facilities, Sparks is also concerned that they might compromise their Semper Paratus motto, which means "Always Ready."

"I'm concerned that we have unfettered access off of our docks and in and out of our compounds… [There are] a lot of details to be worked out to make sure that we can maintain our always ready posture," Sparks said.

Sparks also said that for the past year, they have observed an increase in the number of people who attempt to leave Saipan and go to Guam illegally. He said that Coast Guard Investigative Service Agents work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in their number of operations to stop illegal migrants.

Sparks added that they want to improve their search and rescue missions in the waters of the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau. "We are going to encourage a vigorous local effort on the part of these states. I want to get going and get a boating safety outreach program. It will have us and perhaps our auxiliary, our active duty coast guard form a team and visit these islands and promote and encourage safe boating."

CUC staff who beat up wife gets 30-day prison term

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The Superior Court has imposed a 30-day prison term on an employee of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. who beat up his wife last year.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Roland Joseph Sablan on Wednesday to a year in prison for assault and battery, all suspended except for 30 days, with credit for the six days he had already spent in jail.

Sablan will begin serving his sentence tomorrow, Saturday, at 6pm. He is allowed to serve his term of imprisonment during weekends so he could continue working.

Sablan will be placed under three years of supervised probation.

Manglona ordered the CUC employee to refrain from consuming alcohol or drugs and submit to random drug and alcohol testing by the Office of Adult Probation.

Sablan was also required to pay a $250 fine, $25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

Manglona ordered Sablan to continue to attend counseling and alcohol programs throughout the term of his probation.

The Office of the Attorney General charged the 43-year-old Sablan with two counts of assault and battery, and a count of disturbing the peace.

Sablan, represented in court by Bruce Berline, agreed to plead guilty to a count of assault and battery as part of a plea bargain. The remaining charges were dismissed.

The case arose from an incident on Aug. 1, 2009, when Sablan, who was allegedly high on drugs, forcibly brought his wife to a beach and he beat her up.

The wife told police that Sablan became enraged at seeing hickeys on her neck when in fact he was the one who made them.

On May 11, 2009, Sablan also allegedly beat up the victim, giving her a black eye.

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Man gets 5 years for banging wife's head

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employee to spend five years in prison for repeatedly banging his wife's head against a television set.

Manglona

Manglona on Wednesday sentenced Lorenzo L. Mettao to 10 years in prison, all suspended except for five years, for assault with a dangerous weapon.

The 26-year-old Mettao was given credit for the four days he had already served in prison. He will start serving his sentence on Sept. 30, 2010, at 8am.

Manglona said there will be no possibility of parole for Mettao.

He will be placed on 10 years of supervised probation and required to pay restitution to the victim, a $500 fine, $100 court assessment fee, plus probation fees.

He was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

The judge directed Mettao to immediately submit to counseling evaluation at the Community Guidance Center.

The Office of the Attorney General charged the defendant with assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of attempted first degree murder, and one count of attempted second degree murder.

Mettao and counsel, assistant public defender Matthew Holley, entered a plea agreement with assistant attorney general William H. Downer, who moved to drop the remaining charges. The court granted the motion.

The plea agreement stated that on Sept. 21, 2009 on Saipan, Mettao repeatedly hit the victim's head with and against a television set.

Abraham retires from NMC

One of the longest-serving employees of the Northern Marianas College, Felicitas Tee Abraham, is retiring next week.

Abraham is the college's dean of Community Programs and Services. This will leave NMC with just two deans: Leo Pangelinan of Student Services and Barbara Merfalen of Academic Programs.

Abraham confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday her impending departure from the college. She said she served the college in various capacities for 13 years.

Interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera lauded Abraham's valuable contribution to the college.

"Tee has made considerable contributions to the growth and development of the Northern Marianas College. In the many years I've worked with her, I've learned much from her extensive knowledge and experience, especially in working with federal grants and programs," said Cabrera.

Abraham

The interim official said that on behalf of the college, they are thankful for Abraham's dedication and commitment to NMC. "We wish her well in her retirement," she added.

Asked about some of her notable achievements and contributions to the college, Abraham said she has managed to secure over $3 million in federal grants for the various programs for students in Fiscal Year 2008 alone. These include funding for the facility renovation, professional development, infrastructure improvement, and some funding assistance to address the accreditation deficiencies. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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There will be no Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July7, 2010 to Ms. Nerissa Benavente of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB10-GOV-121"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, July 26, 20 I O. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than! 0:00 a.m. Saipan local time July 26, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurcment@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 26, 2010 and must be received no later than August 4,2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, August 5, 20 I O. However, if no notices of intcnt to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on July 26, 2010.

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/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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CONGRATULATIONS

Above, congratulations to Private Derek Cepeda of E Company, 1st Batallion, 46th Infantry, on his graduation and for bagging the Army Physical Fitness Test Award. Cepeda, center, is seen here with family and friends during the graduation ceremony for the Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Tennessee.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Hendrick Adelantar, right, celebrates his 7th birthday with a party at the Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe on June 19.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Above, Anne Rase Atalig, daughter of Francisco and Ofelia Atalig of Rota, graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biological Sciences, concentrating in Biochemistry. She is currently beginning a yearlong internship at the National Parkinson Foundation in Miami, FL. Photo above are, from left, brother Fransual, father Frank, Anne, mother Ofelia, sister Jane, sister Tina.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Next phase of Kagman watershed project breaks ground

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Pacific Islands Area director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service has acknowledged the need to increase efforts to make sure that the Kagman watershed project becomes a reality.

"There is more work to be done, more federal dollars we need to secure [before] we can reap the benefits [of the Kagman watershed project]," Lawrence Yamamoto said during yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony of the watershed project.

The Kagman watershed project is a collaborative venture of the USDA NRCS and the CNMI government through the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Saipan and Northern Islands Soil & Water Conservation District.

The watershed project involves the construction of waterways, sediment basins, a 70-million gallon reservoir, and an irrigation system.

According to Yamamoto, it is the only flood control project in the CNMI that is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Yamamoto said the groundbreaking was for the next phase of the project: the construction of waterways A, B, and C. ARRA funds will be used to complete this phase. However, it will not cover the last phase, which is the construction of the reservoir and a sediment basin.

He said their office has already submitted a request to the U.S. Congress for the needed funding.

Yamamoto said they would need $3.5 million to complete the project, not including the share of the local government. "Hopefully, [Congress] will give us the money."

Being part of the initial brainstorming for the project in the '80s, Yamamoto said he wants to see the project completed.

USDA NRCS Pacific Islands Area director Lawrence Yamamoto leads the groundbreaking ceremony for the Kagman Watershed Project yesterday. Subsidized in part by ARRA funding, the project aims to provide an irrigation system to local farmers to increase production of agricultural crops.
CLARISSA DAVID

Project benefits

According to Yamamoto, this "unique project" has multiple benefits for the CNMI.

The watershed project, which aims to deal with the issue of flood control in the farming community of Kagman, will use rainwater and floodwater runoff for irrigation purposes.

Yamamoto said the project will also promote local agriculture, encourage local production of food, which in turn provides food security and sustainability for the CNMI.

Isidoro T. Cabrera of the SWCD said this project is significant for the 75 to 80 farmers in Kagman. "This is a great juncture especially for our local farmers to lessen their expenses on water and increase the production of crops. With this project on hand, we can now hope to have bountiful amounts of local produce in stores."

Cabrera said he is thankful to Gov. Benigno Fitial whom he called "a staunch supporter" of the project.

He added that he is also grateful to U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP) for exerting a lot of effort in obtaining funding from the federal government for CNMI projects.

Cabrera said he will work closely with lawmakers to secure the necessary funding for the remainder of the watershed project.

CUC sets power outages affecting Kiya 1

Power outages will be scheduled throughout the coming weeks on Saipan, primarily affecting the Kiya 1 grid to allow the relocation of power poles on Isa Drive as part of the ongoing Cross Island Road Expansion Project.

In a statement issued yesterday, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said the first power outage will be tomorrow, Saturday June 26, 2010, beginning at 1pm through 5pmm. However, to isolate the project area, a 15-minute power interruption is required, affecting San Vicente (former Adventure Store) to the Botanical Garden in Papago.

Once the isolation process is complemented the power will be restored from north of Bentana Dr. to the Botanical Garden. The only area that will remain de-energized will be from San Vicente (former Adventure Store) to Bentana Dr. until 5pm, CUC said.

In addition, on Sunday, June 27, 2010, from 1 pm through 5pm, the work will continue and another outage will be scheduled for the same area in San Vicente (former Adventure Store) to Bentana Dr.

Further, on June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 2010, power outages will continue to be scheduled in the same area; however, the time will be changed to 3:30pm through 6:30pm.

Kimco Enterprises is the contractor that will be doing the pole relocations.

"CUC apologizes for any inconvenience the scheduled power outages may impose on the community and its consumer's and will continue to work diligently to minimize future interruptions," the statement said. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **JOHN T. SABLAN, GLORIA DLG. SABLAN, AND ANTONIO W. NEKAIFES,** Defendants. — **Civil Action No. 07-0177** — **THIRD NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the court in this matter on February 26, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 008 C 08, situated in Talofofo, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 9,621 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 C 02, Commonwealth Recorder's Office File No. 04-1103, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on **July 23, 2010**, at the hour of **10 am**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. Withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law. Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 503758 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
3. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 26th day of May 2010.

/s/Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **WILLIAM DLG ANGUI and JESSIE A. ANGUI,** Defendants. — **Civil Action No. 06-0590-CV** — **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 15, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1067, consisting of 841 square meters located in Kagman III, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Located on the lot is a fully concrete, one bedroom, one bathroom house. House is approximately 10 years old, and in need of some repair. There are existing power and sewage hook ups.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 30, 2010, at the hour of 10.00 am, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room (Old Election Commission Office), Capital Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
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3. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2010.

/s/Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **DIEGO SN DELA CRUZ and LEOLANIE R. DELA CRUZ,** Defendants. — **Civil Action No. 06-0331-CV** — **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 15, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 011 G 403, consisting of 858 square meters located in Kagman III, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Located on the lot is a fully concrete, one bedroom, one bathroom house with an attached carport. House is approximately 10 years old, and in need of some repair. There are existing power and sewage hook ups.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 30, 2010, at the hour of 10.00 am, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room (Old Election Commission Office), Capital Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

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4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2010.

/s/Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
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4th NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Anthony P. Sonoda and Lorraine Anne C. Sonoda now known as Lorraine Anne T. Cabrera, (collectively "Trustor"), on or about March 11, 2002 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, formerly known as the Mariana Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on March 11, 2002 under Document No. 02-585 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 019 I 30, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 948 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 019 I 04, DLS CHECK NO. 019 I 02, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS FILED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE, AS FILE NO. 91-2320, ON MAY 13, 1991

The Trustor has defaulted on payment on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Notice of Default on January 21, 2009. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC SS 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Eighty-Eight Thousand Thirty and 00/100 ($88,030.00)**, the total amount due under the VA loan.

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within 72 hours of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC. The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2010.

BY: /S/ Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director NMHC

CNMI Family Court recognized with national award

The National Criminal Justice Association recently announced its selection of the CNMI Superior Court's Family Court Client Services Program as the 2010 National Justice Association Outstanding Justice Program Award for "best practice" evidence-based program.

The Superior Court was invited to have representative be present during the award ceremony, scheduled for Aug. 3, 2010, during the NCJA National Forum to be held in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Based in Washington, D.C., the NCJA is the national leader in shaping and implementing policies for tribal and local governments on crime prevention and crime control issues. Most of its members are from the criminal and juvenile justice community, to include law enforcement, corrections, prosecution, defense, courts, victim-witness services and educational institutions to federal, state and local elected officials. Every year the NCJA recognizes criminal justice programs that display successful and promising practice.

Govendo

The Superior Court's FCCS was selected because of its positive outcomes of the Pro Se Center, the Separating Parents Program, and the Judges' Training program. The Pro Se Center provides assistance in the review, filing, delivery and distribution of legal forms on behalf of indigent self-represented litigants. The Separating Parents Program is an educational service that teaches parents about the underlying negative effects on children when parents separate and how to avoid them. The Judges' Training provides the resources, through federal grants, for judges to receive legal education and training in family court issues at national conferences, workshop and the National Judicial College. Together, these programs allow for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the Family Court.

"We are extremely proud to receive this honor," said Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who handles most of the Family Court Cases. "We have fewer resources than other jurisdiction, but our staff works hard, and more importantly, genuinely cares about helping the people who come before us. The goal of FCCS is to get matters in front of a judge as quickly as possible because the parties and children are under a considerable amount of stress. We will continue to do our best in spite of pending budget cuts. Special thanks are due to Linda Graff who teaches our Separating Parents program with me and to presiding judge Robert C. Naraja, who has been supportive of our endeavors."

Patrick Diaz, the Family Court Manager who will travel to Florida to receive the award, states that this recognition is important and a first for the Family Court.

"Greater appreciation and recognition goes out to former and current family court staff for their commitment, the Office of the Presiding Judge and Judge Govendo for the support and guidance. In addition, I want to express our gratitude to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency director Jerome Ierome and his staff for assisting the program to be recognized at the national level through NCJA." ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FSM's Mori to meet with FSM citizens today, tomorrow

Federated States of Micronesia President Emmanuel Mori is scheduled to meet with FSM citizens in the CNMI today, June 25, at 6pm, at the Multi-Purpose Building in Susupe. All FSM citizens are cordially asked to attend this important meeting as many issues facing FSM citizens will be discussed.

On Saturday, June 26, President Mori will be meeting with only the Chuukese community at 12pm, also at the Multi-Purpose Center. For more information, please contact your village and community leaders in the Commonwealth. ***(PR)***

LibDay carnival open on weekends

The hours of operation of the Liberation Day Carnival at the Garapan Fishing Base will be extended this weekend and next weekend. There will be bingo, rides, food and merchandise for sale on Saturdays, June 26 and July 3, from 12pm-12am, and on Sunday, June 27, from 12pm to 11pm. On Sunday, July 4, the carnival will be open all day. Parade starts in front of the National Office Supply at 10:30am to the festival grounds in Garapan.

Community invited to education fair

The Northern Marianas College will be participating in an education fair that will be held tomorrow, June 26, from 8am to 3pm at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Puerto Rico.

Other institutions to be featured at the fair include Ashford University, Embrey Riddle, Hawaii Pacific University, Jones International University, and Wayland Baptist University. The education fair presents an excellent opportunity to learn about enrolling at these institutions. Students can also learn about VA Benefits, GI Bill, and college distance and direct instruction.

The fair is open to everyone. No military I.D. is needed to attend.

For more information, please contact Marsha Wellein at (808) 438-1600 ext. 3176 or email marsha.wellein@us.army.mil. ***(NMC)***

Hopwood calendar of activities

■ Hopwood Junior High School will be having its summer school session from July 6, 2010, to Aug. 13, 2010. Classes will begin at 8am and will end at 12pm, Mondays to Thursdays. As food will not be provided for the students, parents are encouraged to provide snacks for their child. Buses will be provided for the duration of the program. Parents and guardians should have their children wait at the designated bus shelter for pick-up and drop-off.

■ Schedule for the Extended Year Program will also start on July 6, 2010, and end on Aug. 13, 2010. Time will also be from 8am to 12pm, Mondays to Thursdays.

■ Registration for all incoming HJHS students will begin on June 23, 2010, until July 23, 2010. For more information, contact registrar Ms. Terry at 237-3425 or 3421 from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. ***(PR)***

Military training on FDM today

The Emergency Management Office, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Guam, is conducting 23 EBS military training on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla today, June 25, from 7am to 8pm. Fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators are advised to stay away during the time and date indicated. For more information, contact the Emergency Management Office's Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

NMC 2009 Alumni Survey

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all 2009 graduates to participate in an online survey that will be open until June 30, 2010. The survey questions are designed to track and measure graduates' educational pursuits and employment since graduation. The College will be using the collected data to improve its programs in order to better meet the educational and workforce needs of the community. To get access to the survey, contact NMC institutional researcher Lisa Hacskaylo at 234-5498 Ext. 1029 or lisah@nmcnet.edu or NMC Alumni president Jack Kiyoshi at Ext. 1021 or jackk@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING

Friday, June 18, 2010, First Notice
Friday, June 25, 2010, Second Notice

The Employee and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing to address the matter of the complaint. This notice will serve as a "Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing". For information, please call 236-0900 ext. 244/293.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
Gamelo, Felizardo	Roman T. Tudela	CAC# 10-394-05	07/08/2010 at 9:00AM
Balbino, Solidad	Delfina C. Muna	CAC#10-397-05	06/29/2010 at 9:00AM
Ramnani, Leena S.	Lucky Corporation	CAC#09-200-06	07/08/2010 at 9:00AM
Ramnani, Jaikishan A.	Lucky Corporation	CAC#09-200-06	07/08/2010 at 9:00AM

Failure to appear on the scheduled date may result in an Administrative Order being entered against you.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2010.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Camacho
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

NOTICE TO ALL CUC CUSTOMERS

Effective July 1, 2010, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) will no longer accept American Express (AMEX) credit cards as a form of payment. Accordingly, CUC will cease all authorized automatic debits from AMEX credit cards for account payments as of the effective date.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you.

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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Judge rebuffs Viacom in YouTube copyright case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—YouTube's actions spoke louder than its founders' words when it came down to deciding whether the Internet's most watched video site illegally exploited copyrighted clips owned by media company Viacom Inc. That was the rationale driving a pivotal ruling in a high-stakes legal battle pitting Viacom against YouTube and its deep-pocketed owner, Internet search leader Google Inc. U.S. District Judge Louis Stanton in New York sided with Google Wednesday as he rebuffed Viacom's attempt to collect more than $1 billion in damages for YouTube's alleged copyright infringement during its first two years of existence. The 30-page opinion embraces Google's interpretation of a 12-year-old law that shields Internet services from claims of copyright infringement as long as they promptly remove illegal content when notified of a violation.

Oil hovers above $76 amid signs US economy weak

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above $76 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid signs the U.S. economic recovery and demand for crude remain uneven. Benchmark crude for August delivery was up 12 cents to $76.46 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell $1.50 to settle at $76.35 on Wednesday. The Energy Information Administration said Wednesday that crude oil supplies increased by 2 million barrels last week, while analysts were expecting stockpiles to drop. Traders got more discouraging news when the government said new home sales dropped by a third to a record low last month. Oil had jumped from $64 a barrel late last month on investor optimism that Europe's debt and fiscal woes wouldn't significantly slow the U.S. and global economic recovery.

Toyota president apologizes to shareholders

TOYOTA, Japan (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. President Akio Toyoda bowed deeply and apologized to shareholders Thursday for the troubles caused by massive global recalls of the company's vehicles. Toyoda was facing shareholders for the first time since the Japanese automaker's reputation for quality was damaged by the recall crisis that started last October. Again bowing deeply after the remark, Toyoda also said the company was doing its utmost to improve quality control and thanked shareholders for their support. "I apologize deeply for the concerns we have caused," he said. "We believe our most important task is to regain customers' trust." The shareholders' meeting was closed to the media, but the proceedings could be seen in a TV monitor in another room at Toyota headquarters in the city named after the automaker.

Ford to build $450 million car plant in Thailand

BANGKOK (AP)—Ford Motor Co. is investing $450 million in a new passenger car plant in Thailand, cementing the country's status as an Asian manufacturing base for the automaker despite prolonged political unrest. The plant with an annual production capacity of 150,000 vehicles will begin assembling the next-generation Ford Focus from 2012, the company said Thursday. Some 85 percent of cars produced at the facility will be sold overseas and the rest in Thailand. Ford said up to 2,200 people will be employed at the factory slated for construction in the eastern seaboard province of Rayong that serves as a base for automakers and other industries. The investment announcement comes after two months of anti-government protests in the Thai capital Bangkok were ended by a final army crackdown in May.

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RFP 10-004
Litigation and Legal Counseling Services

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for litigation and legal counseling services for the institution. Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday, June 16, 2010 between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Proposal Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., July 14, 2010, Saipan time at the Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. Article 7, **"Local Business Preference"**, as amended by Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, **is available to local vendors** in this procurement. **For Proposers located outside of the CNMI:** You may request a copy of the RFP via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

All Proposers are hereby notified that the Northern Marianas College will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals for any reason and waive any defect in said proposals, or cancel in part or its entirety this RFP, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC and will not be returned.

Approved by the following:

/ss/Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/ss/Barbara K. Merfalen
NMC, Acting Interim President

REQUEST for PROPOSALS
MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST
RFP 10-02

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD LOAN PROGRAM

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio ($3.36 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled.
- Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceed is limited.

As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration for each investment to not more than five years. This is **not** a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base interest rate.

Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT office as shown below.

Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 PM, on August 25, 2010. Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Local High Yield Loan Program, RFP 10-02**". Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, hereby giving notice that the CNMI State Advisory Group (SAG), also known as the "Youth Advisory Council" (YAC) of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency will hold an Official Meeting on **Tuesday, June 29, 2010 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., Charley's Cabaret, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL and REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

IV. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES, from YAC meeting of December 17, 2010**
- o 2009 YAC Awards

V. **NEW BUSINESS**
- Welcoming and Introduction of members.
- Election of Vice Chair for the YAC
- Review of YAC By-Laws
- Council Member Orientation Training
- Juvenile Justice Task Force Update
- Upcoming JJ Act and Compliance Training July 1st.
- Other YAC Priorities

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Next Youth Advisory Council Meeting
- FY 2010 OJJDP Funding

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Should you need more information, please call the CJPA at 664-4550-7.

/s/ Mr. Jose Limes
Chairperson
Youth Advisory Council

/s/ Mr. Jerome I. Ierome
Executive Director,
Criminal Justice Planning Agency

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units
at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport

Project No. CPA-RFP-005-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified air-conditioning and refrigeration companies for service and preventive maintenance of air condition units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The term of the Service and Preventive Maintenance Service contract shall be for two (2) years. This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations.

The Service Contract draft, Scope of Work, and list of air condition units package is available for pick up beginning June 21, 2010 at the CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 237-6500. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on July 6, 2010 at the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Departure Terminal, at 9:00 a.m. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend the pre-bid conference.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Service and Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-RFP-005-10." All proposals shall be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m.** local time, July 19, 2010, at the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The selection procedure shall be in full compliance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the solicitation for competitive sealed bids, in the interest of the CPA. All bids shall become the property of CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

June 14, 2010

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units
at the CPA Saipan Seaport Building

Project No. CPA-RFP-006-10

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the Criminal Justice Planning Agency hereby giving notice that the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System, also known as the CJPA *Supervisory Council* will hold a Special Meeting on **Monday, June 28, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Atrium Conference Room, Guma Hustisia, Susupe (Judicial Complex) Saipan, MP 96950.**

AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

III. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. Introduction of New Members
- b. Updates from Criminal Justice Planning Agency, *Jerome Ierome, Executive Director*
- c. New Member Training
  1. Review and Approval of Sub-grant Applications for Victims of Crime Act *(VOCA) FY09 Remaining Funds):*
  2. Karidat Social Services - Victim Advocacy Program
  3. Community Guidance Center (CGC) - Victims of Crime Act Program
- d. Review of FY2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Solicitation

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Should you need more information, please call the CJPA at 664-4550-7.

/s/Mr. Ignacio Aquiningoc
Chairperson
CJPA Supervisory Council

/s/Mr. Jerome I. Ierome
Executive Director
Criminal Justice Planning Agency

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Nation

Cap again collecting oil from Gulf of Mexico leak

AP

This image from video provided by BP PLC early Wednesday, June 23, 2010 shows oil continuing to gush from the broken wellhead, at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil well in the Gulf of Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Oil had spewed uncontrolled into the Gulf of Mexico for much of the day Wednesday before engineers reattached a cap being used to contain the gusher and direct some of the crude to a surface ship.

The logistics coordinator onboard the Discoverer Enterpriser, the ship that has been siphoning the oil, told The Associated Press that after more than 10 hours, the system was again collecting the crude. The crewmember, speaking from the bridge of the ship, said the cap was placed back on the gusher around 8 p.m. CDT. He asked not to be identified by name because he was not authorized to provide the information.

BP later confirmed the cap was back in place, but said it had been hooked up about an hour and half earlier. The coordinator said it would take a little time for the system to "get ramped back up."

Most recently, the system, which has been in place since June 4, was sucking up about 29,000 gallons an hour, crude that spewed back into the Gulf on Wednesday unabated. At that rate, it could mean about 290,000 extra gallons escaped into the water before the system restarted. Another ship was still collecting a smaller amount of oil and burning it on the surface.

McChrystal out; Petraeus picked for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama sacked his loose-lipped Afghanistan commander Wednesday, a seismic shift for the military order in wartime, and chose the familiar, admired—and tightly disciplined—Gen. David Petraeus to replace him. Petraeus, architect of the Iraq war turnaround, was once again to take hands-on leadership of a troubled war effort.

Petraeus

Obama said bluntly that Gen. Stanley McChrystal's scornful remarks about administration officials in interviews for a magazine article represent conduct that "undermines the civilian control of the military that is at the core of our democratic system."

He fired the commander after summoning him from Afghanistan for a face to face meeting in the Oval Office and named Petraeus, the Central Command chief who was McChrystal's direct boss, to step in.

ACROSS THE NATION

Homeland Security to use drones along border

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Homeland Security Department will use unmanned surveillance aircraft and other technological upgrades in its ongoing effort to protect the southern border of the United States. The department said Wednesday it has obtained Federal Aviation Administration permission to operate unmanned planes along the Texas border and throughout the Gulf Coast region. Customs and Border Protection will base a surveillance drone at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas. Homeland Security also said it is working with the Office of National Drug Control Policy on "Project Roadrunner," a license plate recognition system designed to seek out possible drug traffickers.

Minn. pastor likely to keep job despite gay report

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Lutheran pastor ardently critical of allowing gays into the clergy is on leave from his Minneapolis church after a gay magazine reported his attendance at a support group for men struggling with same-sex attraction. Church officials, however, said Wednesday that the Rev. Tom Brock likely will return to the pulpit at Hope Lutheran Church because he acted in accordance with his faith by attending the group. A fixture on local cable access shows, Brock regularly broadcasts conservative views on homosexuality and criticizes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for liberalizing its gay clergy policy. Lavender Magazine published a story last week about Brock's quiet attendance of the Faith in Action meetings, written by a reporter who falsely posed as a member of the group.

Families return home but Ariz. fire still burning

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—Her house smelled like smoke, but Mary Oravits was elated. "I'm home! I'm finally home!" the Flagstaff resident said after being allowed back into her neighborhood Wednesday. "It's so exciting." Oravits was one of about 1,000 people who evacuated their homes Sunday after a forest fire started tearing though stands of ponderosa pine north of the city and rising up the slopes of the nearby San Francisco Peaks. "The day that it happened, it looked like it was coming over here quickly," Oravits said. "I was really distraught. At first, you think you're going to lose everything, which is hard to absorb."

NYC mayor, major CEOs lobby for immigration reform

NEW YORK (AP)—Chief executives of several major corporations, including Hewlett-Packard, Boeing, Disney and News Corp., are joining Mayor Michael Bloomberg to form a coalition advocating for immigration reform—including a path to legal status for all undocumented immigrants now in the United States. The group includes several other big-city mayors and calls itself the Partnership for a New American Economy. It seeks to reframe immigration reform as the solution to repairing and stimulating the economy. The CEOs said Thursday in statements that their companies—and the nation—depend on immigrants.

World

RP's outgoing president calls for unity

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Outgoing President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo urged the Philippines on Wednesday to unite behind her successor, who has promised to investigate her for alleged wrongdoing during her nine-year administration.

In a nationally broadcast farewell message ahead of the end of her term on June 30, she recalled that she took power during turbulent times when massive anti-corruption protests forced her predecessor, Joseph Estrada, to step down in January 2001.

She congratulated opposition Senator Benigno Aquino III, who won the May 10 presidential election by a landslide on a strong anti-corruption platform. Jejomar Binay, another opposition leader and mayor of Manila's financial district of Makati, was elected vice president in the country's first nationwide automated elections.

"I feel confident that we are leaving this nation much stronger than when I came to office, but I leave that for history to judge," she said. "Tonight, I call on everyone to unite behind our new leaders."

Although consistently ranked in opinion polls as the country's most unpopular leader since dictator Ferdinand Marcos was toppled in 1986, Arroyo said she had reversed the country's economic decline with 37 quarters of growth by making unpopular decisions like raising taxes to generate funds for health care, creating 9 million jobs, and building schools and infrastructure needed to attract investment.

"The gains I made were built on the efforts of previous leaders. Each successive government must build on the successes and progress of the previous ones," she said.

She advised Aquino to "advance the programs that work, leave behind those that don't."

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel questioned Arroyo's portrayal of her government's economic performance, saying 3,000 Filipinos leave daily to work abroad.

"I am not too sure that what she said actually happened to this country. Maybe in her imagination, that's what took place," he told ABS-CBN television.

Former National Treasurer Leonor Briones said the uninterrupted growth was "also accompanied by an uninterrupted increase in poverty" and high levels of unemployment and underemployment, plus a burgeoning budget deficit.

Kyrgyz authorities try to get Uzbeks to vote

NARIMAN, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—One after another, people came out of their houses in this village of ethnic Uzbeks to show how their passports, ID cards and driving licenses had been ripped to shreds or burned by Kyrgyz policemen.

Villagers said Wednesday that police beat and threatened them in a raid earlier this week, telling them they should leave Kyrgyzstan.

Hundreds of ethnic Uzbeks were killed and hundreds of thousands fled for their lives this month when mobs of ethnic Kyrgyz went on rampages across the south.

Without valid identification papers, people will be unable to vote in Sunday's referendum on a new constitution, arousing suspicions that rogue elements among law enforcement authorities are attempting to shut Uzbeks out of the country's political process.

The United Nations, the United States and other Western nations have backed the referendum as a key step toward stability.

WORLD BRIEFS

Verdict expected in US terror case in Pakistan

SARGODHA, Pakistan (AP)—Police deployed extra patrols and barriers around a Pakistani court Thursday ahead of an expected verdict in the trial of five Americans accused of plotting terrorist attacks. The five young Muslims from the Washington, D.C. area, were arrested in Pakistan in December after their families reported them missing. The case is one of several involving alleged "homegrown" American militants linked to Pakistan, but the only one being tried in a Pakistani court. Prosecutors have said the expect a guilty verdict, but the men's lawyers insist they are innocent.

Hooded gunmen kill 4 commuters in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—About 30 hooded attackers, believed to be Abu Sayyaf militants, shot and hacked horrified victims running for their lives in the southern Philippines, police said Thursday. Four died and six were wounded in the brazen attack. The al-Qaida-linked militants apparently were trying to divert government troops from a weekslong offensive in a nearby town, said Antonio Mendoza, police chief for the island province of Basilan. Most of the victims were commuters in a passenger jeep going home from Basilan's capital of Isabela City. The attackers were positioned on a hill and opened fire with rifles. Two passengers died instantly and others jumped from the jeep to flee, Mendoza said.

Australia gets its 1st female PM as Rudd ousted

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia got its first female prime minister on Thursday after the ruling party dumped Kevin Rudd and installed his deputy as leader.

Julia Gillard will lead the government to elections due within months.

She stood unopposed at a vote of the Labor Party's 112 lawmakers at a meeting Thursday, hours after a revolt against Rudd.

"I feel very honored," she told reporters afterward.

Rudd didn't even stand for reappointment in the vote—a signal that he knew his support had collapsed.

Rudd had ridden high in opinion polls as one of the most popular Australian prime ministers of modern times until he made major policy backflips, including a decision in April to shelve plans to make Australia's worst polluters pay for their carbon gas emissions.

The leadership change is unlikely to alter Australia's key policy positions, such as its troop commitment to Afghanistan.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PSS RFP 10-073

"TEACHER CERTIFICATION COURSES IN METHODOLOGY FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firm interested in "**Providing Teacher Certification Courses for Elementary Teachers in Methodology for the Public School System.**" The Scope of Work is available beginning June 11, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Coreen Palacios, Assistant Director HRO at 664-3707 or e-mailed to coreen.palacios@cnmipss.org no later than Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.. Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-073" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Friday, July 9, 2010 at 10:30 a.m..

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 a.m. local time on July 9, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and five copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 9, 2010 and must be received no later than July 20, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

This project is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Cops: Siblings brawl over butter in mac and cheese

WATERVILLE, Wash. (AP)—An argument over butter in a macaroni and cheese recipe churned into violence between a brother and sister. A 21-year-old man called police June 6 to say his 17-year-old sister tried to cut his neck with the serrated edge of a spatula. The police report said the sister was making macaroni and cheese when her brother asked if she was using butter. That led to an argument over the difference between butter and margarine. And, then butter battle escalated. The Wenatchee World reported the girl was charged in Douglas County Superior Court with fourth-degree assault.

Man run over by truck after dog puts it in gear

RIDGE MANOR, Fla. (AP)—A man was reportedly run over by his own truck after his dog put it into gear. The sheriff's office reported that 43-year-old Christopher Bishop was checking under his Ford F-150 for oil leaks Sunday evening. He had put the running truck into neutral and left the driver's door open. While he was under the truck, Bishop's bulldog, Tassey, jumped into the truck and knocked the vehicle into gear. The truck rolled over the left side of Bishop's body. Bishop managed to get up, stop the vehicle and go into his house. After several hours of pain, Bishop finally called for help. He was taken to a nearby hospital with injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Police: Video game spat becomes Father's Day fight

VERNON, Conn. (AP)—Connecticut authorities said a 54-year-old man and his girlfriend were arrested after a dispute over a noisy video game erupted into a Father's Day struggle with police officers. Vernon police say the man, George Stein, was playing video games Sunday night when a child annoyed by the noise shut the door to the room Stein was in. Police said Stein got angry and grabbed some kind of weapon, which led his girlfriend's son to call police. Authorities said the girlfriend, 42-year-old April Devaux, became combative with officers, refused to let go of a front porch post and spat in an officer's face. Devaux was charged with assault on police and other crimes, while Stein was charged with threatening.

Police: Man stabs himself, says he was attacked

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP)—Authorities said a man intentionally stabbed himself in the abdomen and then filed a police report claiming he was attacked by a stranger. The man, 20, told officers he was riding his bike when he got into an argument with another person on a sidewalk. He said he'd gone to a gas station Tuesday afternoon to inflate his tires when the person came back, stabbed him and fled with his wallet. The man was taken to the hospital, where police said he confessed to stabbing himself and said no one else was involved. WEAU-TV reported that officers recovered the knife but aren't saying why the man stabbed himself. Police recommend the man be charged with filing a false complaint.

Police: Church burglar leaves birth certificate

YORK, Pa. (AP)—Police said a man who stole petty cash from a central Pennsylvania church is in custody after leaving his birth certificate behind when he left. Authorities said 28-year-old Allen Larry Dawes has been extradited to York County to faces charges after being arrested earlier this month in New Jersey. Investigators said Dawes broke into First St. John's Church in York on May 11. Police said Dawes spent the night sleeping in a hallway and ate cereal from a pantry that holds food for the needy. Officials said Dawes has no fixed address. He was being held on $16,000 bail at York County Prison on charges including burglary and institutional vandalism. It was not clear if he had an attorney.

Wash. police find stolen mower in slow getaway

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)—Police in Washington state say they caught a man making a slow getaway on a stolen riding mower. The Tri-City Herald reports officers responding to a burglary call Tuesday morning found a 31-year-old man riding the mower in the street, pulling a trailer of other lawn care equipment. He was jailed for investigation of burglary, theft and drug charges.

Barks lead firefighters to dog stuck in water tank

CHARLESTON, Ill. (AP)—You've heard of a cat stuck in a tree? How about a dog stuck in a tank? The latter is what firefighters found Sunday after people walking by an old water treatment plant in Charleston reported hearing barks from inside. The town is about 45 miles south of Champaign. It wasn't clear how the Labrador retriever got into the empty concrete tank but it was obvious to firefighters he couldn't get out. Charleston Fire Chief Pat Goodwin said firefighters climbed down into the 14-foot-deep tank and raised the 80-pound dog using a harness. Coles County animal control officer Josh Pfoor said the dog was scared but otherwise fine. Pfoor said the dog was given back to his owners, who had reported him missing.

Limping man surprised to discover gunshot wound

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)—Tracy Durham remembers hearing the pop. But the gunshot wound the Illinois man discovered after a neighbor asked about his limp? That was a surprise. The 48-year-old Durham told police he thinks he was shot by a friend during a party late Sunday at his home. Police say Durham recalled calling the friend's girlfriend ugly. The Peoria man then heard a pop as he took a drink from a bottle of whiskey. But police say he felt no pain. Durham told officers he went to sleep around 3 a.m. Monday and discovered the wound about four hours later. Police questioned Durham while he was being treated at a local hospital. He declined to identify the man he suspects shot him.

$3,600 found on highway returned to Pa. newlyweds

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania man found an envelope stuffed with $3,600 and returned it to the newlyweds who lost it after their wedding reception. David and Ashley Marasco, of Bridgeville, had mistakenly driven off with their wedding album on top of the trunk of their car Sunday. The money had been tucked inside. Another motorist pointed out the album on the trunk, but the envelope had already fallen out. Brennan Breene, also of Bridgeville, says he saw the envelope with cash sticking out Sunday in the middle of Washington Pike, a busy highway southwest of Pittsburgh. So, he stopped to pick it up. He says he learned about the Maraco's misfortune Monday from local news websites, so he gave the cash to police to be returned. Breene says he knew the money wasn't his.

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INVITATION FOR BID
PSS IFB 10-079

"DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS FOR GARAPAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GES)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Desktops and Laptops for Garapan Elementary School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning June 25, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: **robert.florian@cnmipss.org**

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-079"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 7, 2010 at 9:00a.m.**, at which bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
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PSS IFB 10-080

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Science & Technology

Verizon: Droid X smart phone coming July 15

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Verizon Wireless said Wednesday that it will begin selling the Droid X, the follow-up to Motorola Inc.'s popular Droid smart phone, on July 15.

Verizon, which made its announcement the day before Apple is set to start selling its latest iPhone, said the phone will cost $200 with a rebate and two-year wireless service contract.

The Droid X runs Google Inc.'s Android software and has a touch screen that is 4.3 inches diagonally and an 8-megapixel camera with a dual flash that can also record high-definition videos. It will also have an HDMI port so you can connect it to a TV and watch content stored on the phone on a bigger screen.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Domingo P. Salavaria

Born to life on: October 09, 1921
Called to eternal rest on: June 20, 2010

This is to inform the relatives and friends of Domingo Piol Salavaria, who was called to his eternal rest on, Sunday, June 20, 2010.

Nightly Mass is being said at 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church, in Koblerville followed by the Holy Rosary at 7:15 p.m.

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. our beloved Domingo will be escorted from Senora Dela Paz to St. Jude Church for final viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment service at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Chalan Kanoa.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilissow, Maraming Salamat Po, and Thank You

From the Family

Tech Q&A:

How to share hotel Wi-Fi

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: My wife and I travel together with our laptops and like to share an Internet connection if there is a charge for it. I have a small pocket wireless router that works fine when we're in a hotel that uses a wired Internet connection.

But sometimes we stay at a hotel that has a Wi-Fi Internet connection that can only be used if you pay for a user name and a password. Is there any way for the two of us to share this Wi-Fi connection so that we don't have to pay twice for a user name and password?—Marc Burton, Minneapolis

ANSWER: It's possible, but it may not be practical.

When you use your own wireless router with a wired Internet connection, you are creating a Wi-Fi access point, or hot spot, which has no restrictions on the number of users.

But when you use a preexisting Wi-Fi hot spot that requires a user name and password, you're limited to one PC per user name/password — unless you're willing to try a fairly technical solution.

How does it work? It's possible to use one PC to receive the Wi-Fi signal and rebroadcast it to other nearby PCs. But you'll need some technical savvy, an ethernet cable and a wireless router. For details, see tinyurl.com/ydxtfqa.

An easier solution: Buy a cell phone that can create a Wi-Fi hot spot so nearby PCs can share its cellular Internet connection. Phones that can do this include Sprint's HTC Evo 4G and Verizon's Wireless Palm Pre Plus and Pixi Plus.

There also are Wi-Fi hot spot devices that allow a cell signal to be shared by Wi-Fi devices; models include the Novatel MiFi 2200 from Verizon Wireless or Sprint and the Overdrive 3G/4G Mobile Hotspot, from Sprint

These cellular phones and gadgets typically aren't as fast as a wired Internet connection and only work where their cellular networks do. See tinyurl.com/245ll87.

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Q: When I tried to update iTunes to version 9.1.1, the installation failed after I got a message asking where the Apple Bonjour program was stored, because iTunes couldn't find it. I tried removing and reinstalling iTunes and Bonjour but it didn't help. What can I do?—Andrew Staab, St. Paul, Minn.

A: Bonjour is used by iTunes and other Apple programs to aid in sharing music, photos and files. The cause of Bonjour problems can range from PC software conflicts to the way you are logged on to Windows. For help, see "Bonjour service failed to start" at tinyurl.com/ntqp82, and "Trouble installing iTunes or QuickTime for Windows" at tinyurl.com/2cylb4h.

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Q: Last summer, I bought my daughter an Apple MacBook laptop with the iWork '09 software for writing, charting and presentations. The Apple saleswoman assured us the iWork Pages word processing program was "fully compatible" with Microsoft's Word program.

But my daughter says her Pages documents don't format properly when she converts them to Word to e-mail them to her professors. Can this formatting conversion problem be fixed?—Jonathan Goodman, Miami

A: No, the formatting problem can't be fixed because Pages and Word are compatible but not identical. But there are workarounds.

One is to save the original Pages document differently. Instead of storing it in the Word .doc format, store it in Adobe Systems' nearly universal .pdf format. PDF stands for "portable document format," and a PDF should look the same in Adobe Reader on either computer.

Another solution is to buy Microsoft Office for Mac ($112 to $165 online, but students sometimes can get big discounts through a university). The Word programs for Apple and Windows can create files in exactly the same format, which will mean the documents will look identical when moved from an Apple to a Windows computer.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Tomasa Salas Sablan Borja

October 25, 1914 — June 09, 2010

In her new life, she now joins her:
Husband: Felix Flores Borja
Parents: Benigno San Nicolas Sablan
Consuelo Compus Salas Sablan
Sons: Gregorio Sablan Borja, Efrian Sablan Borja, Domingo Sablan Borja
Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws:
Antonio S. Sablan, Maria S. Sablan, Jose S. Sablan, Soledad S. Aguon, David S, Aguon, Francisca S. Celis, Manuel S. Sablan, Virginia S. Aguon, Beatrice S. Reyes, Ricardo S. Sablan
Martin F. Borja, Gabriel F. Borja, Francisco F. Borja, Gregorio F. Borja, Brigida Borja, Maria Stein Camacho, Angelina Borja, David F. Borja, Roberto F. Reyes

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her children and their families:
†Gregorio S. and Sharon Borja - Children & Grandchildren
Emiliana B. and William Guacke - Children & Grandchildren
Berno S. and Rosalyn S. Borja - Children & Grandchildren
Emerenciana B. and Steve Matous - Children
Maria Rosa B. and †David Sulkowski - Children & Grandchildren
Manasses S. Borja and Corazon Buenpacifico
Querico "Kerry" S. and Juana C. Borja
Isidro Camacho
Joseph C. Borja and Amanda - Bella Marie
Sean C. Borja and Dayna C. Reyes - Even Jay
Gerald C. and Appollonia N. Borja - Natawni, Naelawni, Nicolas
Deanna C. Borja and Michael M. Nishimura – Kynalynn
Kenneth C. Borja and Raynae B. Santos - Kenae, Isidro
Sheila C. Borja and Jacob W. Warnick - Leianna Jean
Tammy C. Borja
Querico C. Borja Jr.
†Domingo S. Borja - Mingo & Kelly & Children

She is additionally survived by her brother, Vicente S. Sablan and ***In-Laws,***
Victoria B. Arriola, Futunata Borja and Felipe F. Borja.

Her mortal remains have arrived from Westland, Michigan yesterday, June 24th and is lying in state at Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel. Rosary will be recited at 8:00am. Responso service will be at 9:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan at 10:00am. Interment will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Thank You - Si Yuus Maase

The Family

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Andres Tudela Camacho

of Papago was born to life on October 17, 1938, and was called to eternal rest on June 21, 2010 at the age of 71

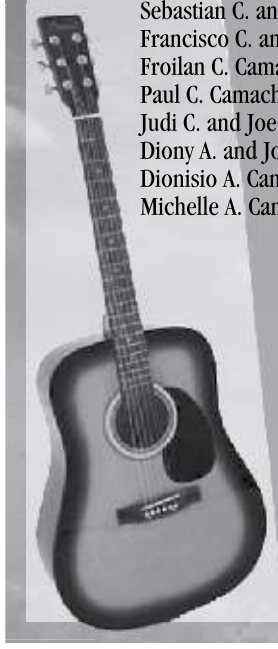
In his new life he now joins his:

Parents: Sebastian Taimanao Camacho and Dolores Tudela Camacho
Brothers: Santiago T. Camacho, Froilan T. Camacho, Vicente T. Camacho
Sister-in-laws: Josepha M. Camacho, Marcela N. Camacho, Rosa A. Camacho
Daughter-in-law: Sommai L. Camacho

Survived by:

Brother: David Tudela Camacho and Family

Wife: Andrea Blas Cabrera (Echang Potu), Aida A. Camacho
Children and Families:
Oscar C. and Arinta J. Camacho (Dominic, Dimitrios, Dylan, D' Faustina)
Edward C. and Henoleen S. Camacho (Winfred (Kobe), Chinnelle, Yolani)
Fred C. Camacho and Anna V. Yamada (Frederick, Toni Kasilyn, Kadi)
Sebastian C. and Yuriko Camacho (Justine, Jotham, Joshua, Jonah)
Francisco C. and Eloise G. Camacho (Beaudy (Dazz Koray), Francisco, Lucand, Koel)
Froilan C. Camacho (Michael, Andrea, Andres, Jose)
Paul C. Camacho and Ida S. DeBrum
Judi C. and Joe P. Fujihira (Francine (Leighton), Vanessa, Ashley, Byron)
Diony A. and Joyce R. Camacho (Jonathan, Jennifer, Diony Jr., †Joseph Julian T. Reyes)
Dionisio A. Camacho (Desiree, Daisylyn)
Michelle A. Camacho (Caleb Peter)



He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends.

Nightly mass is being offered at the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6:00 p.m., beginning Tuesday, June 22, 2010 excluding Sunday, June 27, 2010 mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

His remains will depart C.H.C. at 7:30 a.m. and be brought to Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag for viewing and last respects.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.
Interment will follow immediately at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase ginen I familia.

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late

†*Antonio Blas Matagolai*

wish to extend our deepest and warmest appreciation to all our relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you showed us during our greatest and most painful time of sorrow. Your thoughful prayers, comfort, and unending support and all considerate acts of grace did much to calm the ache in our hearts and may time lessen our pain as memories gently turn tears to smiles. We acknowledge and cherish the time you devoted to us your kindness has touched us all and we will forever remeber you.
May God bless us all.

Special thanks to the ER Doctors and Nurser of CHC and the techa, Dolores B. Manibusan.

Mansen magof ham in ekstende un sinseru yan dangkolu na si Yu'us Ma'ase para i familia yan manatungo' siha put i tinayuyot yan finatton-miyu gi duranten i piniten-mami. Todu i tiempo bai in hahasso hamyo gi tinayuyot-mami ni familian i dinfunto as
†Antonio Blas Matagolai

St. Anthony, Pray for us!

In Loving Memory of

†Herman Santos Cruz

Lovingly known as "Herman Doi"
July 17, 1950 — June 21, 2010

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: **Eleanor Sablan Cruz**
Children and their families:
Yvonne C. Camacho/Rodney S. Camacho (Temara, Keola, Keisha, Tyrese)
Gordon S. Cruz/ Marlyn C. Cruz (Frederick, Garett, Monica)
Geoffrey S. Cruz/Jennifer Leung (Brinae, Moeisha)
Yuline S. Cruz
Yvette S. Cruz/ Jose T. Iguel (Therese, Noah, Clayton)
Gary S. Cruz/ Doris C. Cruz (Deondrey, Damien)
Yolanda S. Cruz/ Luis Macaranas
Reared children: April S. Camacho/ Glenn S. Camacho (Vicasha, Jose, Lexie Lynn)
Jamie Lynn S. Ada
Father In-Law: Ignacio Mangarero Sablan

He will also be missed by his brothers, sister, and in-laws:

†Jesus V. Tenorio/Irene H. and Children
Juan S. Cruz/ Juanet C. and Children
Jose S. Cruz/ Divine and Children
†Herminia T./ Francisco P. Sablan and Children
†Ramon S. Tenorio
Edward S. Tenorio/ Lillian A. and Children
Francisco S. Tenorio/ Yvonne B. and Children
†Linda T. /Robert Kumaichi and Children
Lillian S. Tenorio
Oscar M. Sablan/ Marcia E. and Children
Ernest M. Sablan/ Elizabeth C. and Children
Jeanette S. Mesa/ Eleuterio Mesa and Children
Esther S. Fleming/ Mike A. Fleming and Children
Felix M. Sablan/ Catherine I. and Children
Louise S. Concepcion/ William Ada and Children
Herbert M. Sablan/ Kelly and Children
Victoria S. Nicholas/ Brien Sers Nicholas and Children
Elizabeth S. Ada/ James Ada and Children
Agnes M. Sablan
†Frederick M. Sablan
Carlos M. Sablan/ Michelle Maloney and Children

In his new life he now joins his:

Parents: **Ignacio A. Cruz**
Antonia S. Tenorio
Joaquin P. Tenorio
Rita V. Tenorio
Mother in-law: **Maria Mangarero Sablan**

Daily Masses for the repose of his soul is being celebrated every morning at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church and Holy Rosary is being recited each evening at 7:00pm.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 05, 2010. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS.
THANK YOU - SI YU'US MA'ASE

ELEANOR SABLAN CRUZ
Children and families

Life & Style

Monaco's Prince Albert bids adieu to bachelorhood

PARIS (AP)—Prince Albert is giving Monaco a crown princess at last.

Ditching decades of bachelorhood, the boyish if balding monarch announced Wednesday he will marry South African ex-swimming champion Charlene Wittstock. Albert's betrothed has iconic shoes to fill, stepping into a role left vacant since the death of much-beloved Princess Grace in a car crash.

Royal watchers were ecstatic at the announcement and many were wondering: Is the bespectacled playboy prince manning up? And most importantly, will the 52-year-old Albert, who has acknowledged fathering two children out of wedlock, finally produce a legitimate heir?

"It's been 30 years since Grace died, 30 years they've been waiting for a first lady, a princess, a dream beauty, glam. And voila!" said Colombe Pringle, executive editor of Point de Vue magazine, which has followed Albert's amorous adventures.

The palace of the moneyed Mediterranean principality didn't say when His Serene Highness Albert II, Grace's second child and the head of the 700-year-old Grimaldi dynasty, will marry the 32-year-old Wittstock.

But the announcement put to rest months of speculation that the longtime companions would tie the knot.

Albert met the willowy blonde in 2000 when she traveled to Monaco for a swimming competition, and she has lived in the principality since 2006, said Laetitia Pierrat, a palace spokeswoman.

The couple are both Olympians—Albert was a bobsledder—and share English as one of their native tongues.

Wittstock swam for South Africa at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, though she won no medals. In the All Africa Games the year before, she won gold in the 100-meter freestyle. Before moving to Monaco, she also worked as a schoolteacher.

According to protocol, royal couples must wait at least six months between the announcement of the engagement and the wedding day, Pierrat said.

She demurred when asked whether Wittstock might be pregnant. "Honestly, I don't think so," she said, adding that she wasn't privy to such matters but, if so, a formal announcement would probably have been made.

The principality's Minister of State Michel Roger issued a statement saying the government "shares the joy of the Sovereign Prince, his fiancee and their families" and expressed "warmest congratulations" on behalf of the people of Monaco.

The rocky marriages of Albert's older sister, Princess Caroline, and younger sister Princess Stephanie have long been the stuff of tabloids. Monaco—a tiny territory smaller than New York's Central Park, but with grand, global allure—has hungered for a new royal wedding and fresh start.

Hollywood actress Grace Kelly married Albert's father, Prince Rainier III, to massive hoopla in 1956. Princess Grace died in a car accident in 1982, casting a pall of tragedy over the family, but she remains a style icon to this day. London's Victoria & Albert Museum for art and design has a current exhibition on her.

Word of Albert's engagement zipped quickly around town on Wednesday.

"This will be great for champagne sales," said Edith Wendebaum, who runs a wine shop in Monte Carlo. "It's very, very good news, something happy at last," she said, describing Albert as likable when she has met him. "Everyone here knows him a bit."

Heirs? "Certainly, that will come soon," she said, hopefully.

Albert took the throne in July 2005 after the death of his straight-laced father, who built the sleepy Mediterranean port into a tax haven for the rich and a glittering financial center.

Albert was known for being a longtime bachelor—so much so that parliament in 2002 changed the constitution to allow one of his sisters' sons to take the throne if he never produces a legitimate heir.

Albert acknowledged in 2005 that he had fathered a boy, Alexandre, with a former flight attendant. The following year, he acknowledged an American daughter, Jazmin Grace Grimaldi, now a teenager, born to a California woman. Neither can assume the throne because they were born out of wedlock.

Pringle suggested that Albert's advancing age, and the long time since his mother's passing, meant the time was right for him to marry.

"He's 50-something. It's time," she said.

She said Wittstock has spent her years as Albert's companion preparing for the stress and responsibilities of being a princess.

"She has learned a lot," Pringle said. "Now it's a question of involvement and engagement in her new role. We'll see how she does."

The couple attended Sweden's royal wedding in Stockholm last weekend, which sparked new rumors of a possible union.

Still, Nancy Wilson, an editor at The Riviera Reporter based in nearby Nice, France, was not convinced that a wedding is "going to happen soon."

Wilson said the announcement may have been designed to appease those losing patience with Albert's bachelorhood or perhaps to boost his standing among entrenched interests in Monaco who had resisted his efforts to change tax and economic policies.

AP

This undated photo provided Wednesday June 23, 2010 by the Monaco Palace shows Prince Albert and South Africa's Charlene Wittstock.

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Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Thirty years after graduating from high school, five former basketball teammates gather at the lake house where they celebrated their biggest victory to mourn the passing of their late coach. Over the course of the Fourth of July weekend, the five friends realize that just because they've all grown up and started families doesn't mean that they've lost that old spark.

Knight And Day
Friday & Saturday 1:30 4:10 7:20 9:45
Sunday thru Thursday 1:30 4:10 7:20
Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A fugitive couple (Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz) wages a war between truth and trust while speeding across the globe in an attempt to avoid capture by a determined federal agent (Peter Sarsgaard). Paul Dano, Viola Davis, Olivier Martinez, Maggie Grace, and Marc Blucas co-star.

Toy Story 3
Friday & Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45
Sunday thru Thursday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated G

Synopsis
Pixar returns to their first success with Toy Story 3. The movie begins with Andy leaving for college and donating his beloved toys—including Woody (Tom Hanks) and Buzz (Tim Allen)—to a daycare. While the crew meets new friends, including Ken (Michael Keaton), they soon grow to hate their new surroundings and plan an escape.

Jonah Hex
Friday & Saturday 1:20 4:05 7:30 9:30
Sunday thru Thursday 1:20 4:05 7:30
Josh Brolin, Megan Fox
Western • Rated PG 13

The Karate Kid
Friday & Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50
Sunday thru Thursday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
Drama • Rated PG

The Prince of Persia
Friday & Saturday 1:05 4:20 7:05 9:40
Sunday thru Thursday 1:05 4:20 7:05
Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Adventure • Rated PG 13

The A-Team
Friday & Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:35
Sunday thru Thursday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Action • Rated PG 13

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Oscar organizers ponder earlier show time

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Academy Awards organizers are talking about moving up the date of the show, possibly as early as January. At a Tuesday meeting, the academy's board of governors discussed the idea of holding the Oscars earlier. Most recent shows have been held in late February. A statement Wednesday by the academy said the earliest any date change could take effect would be for the Oscars in 2012. A firm date of Feb. 27 already has been set for next year's 83rd Oscars. The academy statement said the idea is "being explored as a possibility."

CNN hires Spitzer, Parker to co-host new program

NEW YORK (AP)—CNN is pairing former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and conservative columnist Kathleen Parker for a combative new prime-time program it insists won't be the second coming of "Crossfire." The network is hoping for twin comebacks: for its own struggling nightly lineup and for the former Democratic governor who resigned in disgrace following a prostitution scandal. The new show will replace one hosted by Campbell Brown at 8 p.m. EDT, going against Bill O'Reilly at Fox News Channel and Keith Olbermann at MSNBC, the top personalities at CNN's competitors.

Val Kilmer sets the record straight with NM neighbors

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP)—Val Kilmer took the unusual step Wednesday of going before a county commission in rural New Mexico to make amends with some of his neighbors who are angry over disparaging comments attributed to the actor over the years. San Miguel County commissioners invited Kilmer to explain magazine interviews in which he said he lives in the "homicide capital of the Southwest" and proclaimed that 80 percent "of the people in my county are drunk." He also made insensitive comments about war veterans. Dressed in a black blazer, blue button-up shirt and a bolo tie, the star of movies including "Tombstone," "Top Gun" and "The Doors" had his hair tied back as he stood before commissioners and more than four dozen people at the county courthouse. With a prepared statement folded in his hands, he explained that his words were taken out of context and misunderstood.

Pattinson and Dracula are distant relatives

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Robert Pattinson isn't the only famous vampire in his family.

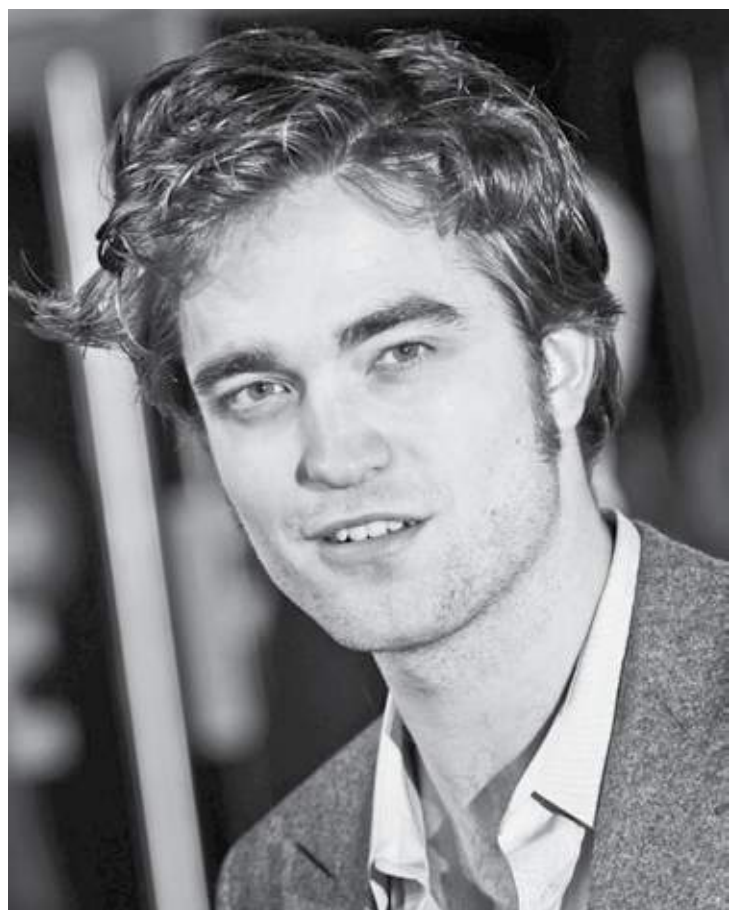
Genealogists say the 24-year-old "Twilight" star is related to Vlad the Impaler, widely cited as the inspiration for the main character in Bram Stoker's "Dracula."

Researchers at Ancestry.com discovered that Pattinson and the Transylvanian leader (real name: Vlad III Dracula) are connected through their relationship to the British royal family. Prince William and Prince Harry are Pattinson's distant cousins; Vlad the Impaler was their distant uncle.

"Tracing Pattinson's family back to Vlad was difficult research, but the pieces that unraveled created the perfect accompaniment to the Twilight Saga," said Anastasia Tyler, a genealogist at Ancestry.com. "Without any myth or magic, we find royalty and vampires lurking in Pattinson's life—making his story just as supernatural as the one he's playing on screen."

Also connected to the prince's lineage and therefore to Dracula? Stephenie Meyer, the author of the "Twilight" series.

The latest big-screen installment in the popular vampire saga, "Eclipse," opens June 30.



In this March 17, 2010 file photo, British actor Robert Pattinson arrives on the red carpet for the UK premiere of "Remember Me" at the Leicester Square Odeon cinema in central London.

AP

NY vet dogs Mariah Carey over bills for pets' care

NEW YORK (AP)—Mariah Carey is in the doghouse with a veterinarian who says the pop superstar hasn't paid nearly $30,000 in bills for three of her prized pooches.

Veterinarian Cindy Bressler sued Carey on Wednesday in a Manhattan state court.

Bressler provided "extraordinary services" for the Jack Russell terriers—Cha-Cha, Dolomite and JJ—but the Grammy Award-winning singer paid only about $8,200 of the roughly $37,800 in charges, the lawsuit says. The bills cover a little more than a month of care.

Bressler's lawyer, Michael C. Posner, declined to elaborate on the dogs' treatment. Bressler, whose website notes that she makes house calls in New York City and the Hamptons and caters to "prominent New Yorkers and celebrity clients," didn't immediately respond to an e-mail message seeking comment.

Carey

Carey's spokeswoman didn't immediately respond to telephone and e-mail messages.

The pop diva has made her dogs something of characters in her multiplatinum-selling career, including in some comic video sketches made as part of an MTV.com promotion and posted on YouTube. In one, she and JJ compare the fit of their jeans: "I told you those `fat-free' dog treats weren't fat-free," she scolds.

She also regularly chronicles her dogs' doings on her Twitter feed, from Cha-Cha urinating on her dressing room floor and jumping on her last September to Dolomite stealing her underwear out of a suitcase while she was vacationing in March.

Known for R&B-inflected singles such as "Vision of Love" and "Hero," Carey, 40, has sold more than 50 million albums during her 20-year career. Her 18 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart put her ahead of every other artist except the Beatles.

Her "The Emancipation of Mimi" was the best-selling album of 2005, selling 5 million copies. Her most recent album, "Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel," was released last year.

She also has appeared in movies, earning praise for her role in last year's "Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire."

She is married to actor and producer Nick Cannon, and they recently welcomed a new addition to their household: a puppy named Jackie Lambchops, born to Cha-Cha this month, according to Carey's Twitter feed.

Vice president's wife set to guest on 'Army Wives'

NEW YORK (AP)—Lifetime network's "Army Wives" is set to welcome the wife of Vice President Joe Biden in a future episode.

Biden

The network announced Wednesday that Jill Biden will make a guest appearance on the military drama to raise awareness of the contributions by U.S. men and women in uniform as well as their families.

She will appear as herself in the episode, titled "Mud, Sweat and Tears." She visits the show's Fort Marshall to kick off the annual Fun Run, and while there meets with military spouses. A number of real Army wives will be featured in the episode, which is scheduled to air Aug. 15.

"Army Wives" stars Kim Delaney and Catherine Bell.

MANET SELF-PORTRAIT

AP

This self-portrait by French painter Edouard Manet has sold for a record price of more than 22 million pounds ($33 million) at a London auction. Sotheby's says the portrait, painted between 1878 and 1879, was bought for 22.4 million pounds ($33.4 million) by an anonymous bidder. It was the highest price paid for a picture by Manet. The previous record for a Manet was 16 million pounds at a sale in New York in 1989. Sotheby's says the painting, "Manet A La Palette," sold Tuesday evening was one of only two self portraits by the artist and ranks among the greatest of the Impressionist movement.

Free Buffett concert tickets gone; eBay bans sale

GULF SHORES, Ala. (AP)—Tickets to Jimmy Buffett's free concert to show support for the oil spill-stricken Gulf Coast were grabbed up quickly Wednesday and began showing up for sale on eBay for more than $100 each—prompting the online service to ban the sales on its site.

Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and Gulf Coast residents were among those complaining after the 35,000 free tickets to the July 1 concert on the beach at Gulf Shores were taken in a matter of minutes and then began showing up for sale by apparent scalpers. More than 1,500 comments had appeared on Buffett's Facebook page by midafternoon complaining about how the tickets were distributed.

Buffett, who grew up in nearby Mobile, Kenny Chesney, Zac Brown and other stars will take to stage to support residents and businesses hurt by the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that has fouled the water and beaches.

Mary Fryling of Eclectic and her daughter were so excited by news of the free concert that they rented a condo at Gulf Shores for the week of the show. She said they were on the phone first thing Wednesday, hoping to grab some free tickets when they became available at 10 a.m. Instead there was a 10-minute wait, a disconnection and eventually a recording saying the event was sold out.

Woman wants to believe sex offender's claim of innocence

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Claude," and I are deeply in love. He's devoted to me and my son. He brings me candy and flowers and takes me out. He includes my son in everything we do.

My problem is, he recently mentioned that he is on the national sex offenders list. He says he didn't do it and that he was framed. It happened years ago—if it happened at all—and he doesn't like to talk about it.

Abby, I need your advice. Should I believe him or run the other way? It scares me to think that I am putting my son in danger, but then again, I don't believe Claude did what they say he did. Please help me.

MOM IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MOM: The first thing you should do is check the national sex offenders database. Find out if Claude should, by virtue of the fact that he is a convicted sex offender, even be around children. Learn the facts of what happened from the authorities in that community. And then, think with your head instead of your heart and put your son's welfare above everything.

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DEAR ABBY: You frequently say children are not responsible for their parents' divorce.

My grandmother said my parents married because my mother was pregnant with my sister. They divorced because I was born. What do we say to our parents, knowing they divorced because Mom didn't want us? (I have met her only twice, and she's not around to defend herself.) I am 25 and have had self-esteem problems my entire life.

STILL FEELING SAD, MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR STILL FEELING SAD: I'm sorry you have had so little contact with your mother. Had it been otherwise, you might have discovered that your parents' divorce had nothing to do with you as a person and everything to do with her and your father's level of maturity at the time and the quality of their marriage.

I strongly suspect that other factors in your mother's life made her unable, rather than unwilling, to nurture. If it's possible for you to contact her, you should do so. And if not, discuss this with a therapist who will help you put any questions about your self-worth to rest once and for all.

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DEAR ABBY: My son is married to a beautiful Japanese woman who is well-educated and speaks both Japanese and English fluently. They have a daughter, "Mari," who is 2 1/2 and just starting to talk. My concern is whether my granddaughter should be taught English or Japanese first.

Mari already speaks and understands a little of each language, but I'm worried that she may grow up confused while trying to communicate with others. I feel she should learn English first. Then, as Mari grows older, her mother can teach her the Japanese language.

Am I being concerned about something I shouldn't be? By the way, there is no family conflict here. I'm just concerned that my granddaughter will grow up confused.

HAPPY PAPA IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HAPPY PAPA: Worry no more. Children absorb languages like sponges absorb water. Mari is a lucky little girl to be learning Japanese and English so young. If she's able to practice both, they will become interchangeable for her. So stop worrying, and if you're receptive, your granddaughter may teach you a few phrases.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

OK, NEXT WE'LL RACE TO THAT TREE OVER THERE.
THIS RACE WILL DETERMINE THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNIVERSE.
OH... WAIT. HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN OUT HERE?
I DUNNO. AN HOUR MAYBE.
REALLY? GEEZ, WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?! HANG ON, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
I'M NOT HAVING FUN!
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By Bryan Basset

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ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?
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DARN, THE POLICE JUST CAUGHT ME AND PUT ME BEHIND BARRES.
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HARRELL

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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IT'S DOWN TEN POINTS.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Has the competence
4 Post-bath soother
8 Journey
12 Pub order
13 On the briny
14 Bellow
15 Where to hock stuff
17 Wile E.'s supplier
18 Will subject
19 Whatever amount
21 Toe tally
22 Priest's superior
26 Wanderer
29 Sort
30 Lamb's dam
31 Botanical angle
32 Expert
33 Worry
34 Roulette bet
35 Inseparable
36 Lipstick alternative
37 Co-star with Moore and Asner
39 Take a stab at
40 Parisian pal
41 Fame
45 Browse the Web
48 Hive boss
50 Educator, for short
51 Second-hand
52 "— Got a Secret"
53 Initial chip
54 Uncomplicated
55 First name of 37-Across

DOWN

1 Part of a Batsuit
2 "Sad to tell, ..."
3 Salamander
4 Took a bite
5 Wan
6 Writer Buscaglia
7 Skilled
8 Cafeteria stack
9 "Arabian Nights" bird
10 Cartesian conclusion
11 Grand —, N.S.
16 Birth-related
20 End for beat or neat
23 Medal earner
24 Has bills
25 Household members
26 Stratford stoolie
27 The yoke's on them
28 Calf-length
29 "Rocks"
32 It's nothing new
33 Robin Hood portrayer
35 Resistance measure
36 Avaricious
38 Big mistake
39 Kilmer poem
42 Final notice
43 "— Only Just Begun"
44 Requirement
45 Hot tub
46 Ode subject
47 Deteriorate
49 Can. neighbor

Solution time: 25 mins.

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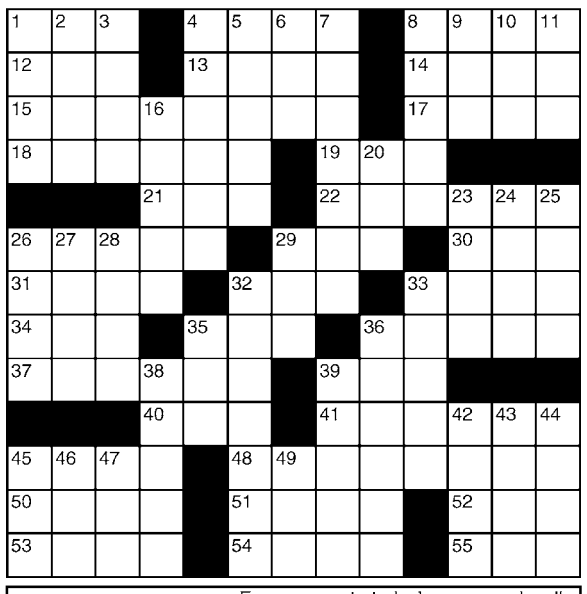
Yesterday's answer 6-25



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Linda Cardellini, 35; Jason Lewis, 39; Ricky Gervais, 49; Carly Simon, 65

Happy Birthday: Emotional issues will be brought to the surface this year. Deal with pressing matters head-on. Allow others to know what you are thinking and you will be surprised by the support and help you receive. Change is upon you, so embrace what lies ahead with open arms. Your numbers are 3, 7, 12, 23, 29, 33, 47

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Travel for business or educational purposes will help you administer your goals but, before you set sail, make sure you have personal paperwork in order. Someone older and wiser will offer suggestions. A move may entice you but weigh the pros and cons. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't let a complaint from someone you are close to slow you down. Recognition and applause will be given when you complete what you are doing. Doing things in secret may not be your first choice but, for now, it's your only choice. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keeping the peace at home may be difficult if you don't agree with what other family members are doing. Don't get worked up over nothing. Do what works for you and let everyone else do the same. Take an extended weekend if possible. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You may be faced with unexpected responsibilities. Approach what needs to be done with enthusiasm. Once you've done what's required of you, set your sights on ways to improve your personal, professional and physical well-being. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Travel, networking or getting together with friends will all lead to something that interests you. Attend a reunion or get together with someone from your past. Abide by the rules of the road if you are driving. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't get involved in an emotional melodrama going on at home. Avoid any overindulgence and overspending. It will be difficult to keep a secret. Take care of any financial matters before they escalate. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Actions, rather than words, will be your best course of action, especially if someone is being argumentative. You may feel insecure about your current position. Volunteer and a full time opportunity will present itself. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You should take care of business and finalize any deals, settlements or contracts. Communication will be your best asset and can lead to worthwhile changes for the future. Promote what you have to offer. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Love, adventure and intrigue are in the stars. Take advantage of what's offered and do what you can to enhance your looks, your surroundings and your love life. Combining the old with the new will lead to good times and success. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You can make money if you align yourself with the right person and you stick to facts. You have plenty to bring to the table. Your enthusiasm and energy will help you turn any mediocre idea into a five-star enterprise. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You'll have to make a few adjustments to the way you do things if you don't want to fall behind. Any opportunity to get involved in a moneymaking enterprise should be considered. Volunteering is fine as long as you aren't taken for granted. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take it easy and evaluate your relationships with friends, lovers or colleagues. It is apparent that someone may be limiting what you can and cannot do. Once you have a sense of how you can handle some of the people in your life, you will feel much better about your future. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have charisma and character and are expressive and demonstrative. You are adventurous, curious and interested in exploring different lifestyles.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	6	4	9	3	1	2	7	8
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9	3	1	2	8	7	5	4	6
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1	9	2	5	7	8	4	6	3
6	8	3	4	1	9	7	5	2
2	1	5	7	6	3	8	9	4
4	7	9	8	5	2	6	3	1

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/24

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

'CASTLE' (TV SERIES) **Solution: 8 letters**

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L	G	T	R	A	E	A	G	H	D	H	A	K	E	D
E	E	O	A	P	K	K	S	A	G	C	T	T	A	Y
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E	A	B	C	S	T	U	D	I	O	S	S	G	A	N

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Yesterday's Answer: Fitness

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FRANCISCO C. ADA, Deceased.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0182

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION TO PROBATE WILL/PETITION TO DECLARE EXEMPT PROPERTY (HOMESTEAD ALLOWANCE AND ONE VEHICLE)

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE FRANCISCO C. ADA OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ines Seman Ada**, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Petition to Probate Will/Petition to Declare Exempt property (Homestead Allowance and one Vehicle) of the **Estate of Francisco C. Ada, Deceased.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition to Probate Will/Petition to Declare Exempt property (Homestead Allowance and one Vehicle) by **Ines Seman Ada**, as Petitioner, has been set for (July 27, 2010 at 1:30pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

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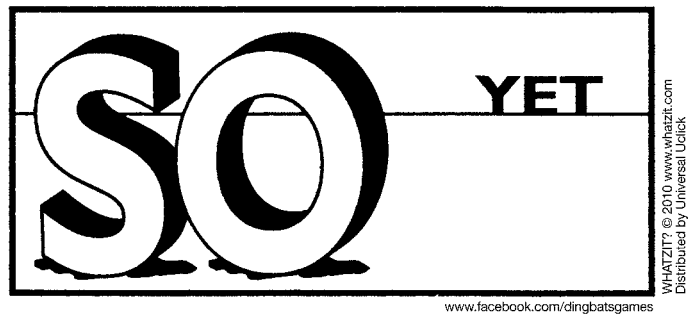

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-031
TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "Tank Cleaning & Replacement" at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The work under this RFP is divided into two separate projects so that CUC will have the opportunity to select more than one Offeror and provides for expedited project completion if it finds that would be in the best interest of CUC. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

A. Project 1:
A. 1. Cleaning of tanks 101 and 102 (588,000 USG , each), used for diesel fuel storage;
A. 2. Cleaning of tank 107 (1,320 USG), used for used oil storage;
A. 3. Cleaning of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), used for used oil storage;
A. 4. Cleaning of tank 108 B (4,678 USG), used for lube oil storage.

B. Project 2:
B. 1. Disposal of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), after cleaning and replacement with a new shop fabricated tank of similar size/dimension to fit the available foundation base;
B. 2. Disposal tank 108 B (4,678 USG), after cleaning;
B. 3. Disposal tank 101 A and 102 (588,000 USG each), after cleaning if upon inspection it is not Economically viable to repair the tank.

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

- Proposal Submission - **One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP- 10-031 "TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NO. 1"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.
- The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until July, 14, 2010.**
- A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **July 01, 2010 at 9:30 AM** CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan.
- Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **July 16, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.
- A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposal. A Performance and Payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Offeror.

Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive Offeror, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government.

/s/ **ABE UTU MALAE**
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-10-034

REHABILITATION OF THE AGINGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the office of Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A Pre-Bid conference for this project is scheduled at 9:00 AM., on June 4, 2010, at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Saipan. A project site visit and inspection follows the Pre-Bid meeting.

A non-refundable payment of $200 will be required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms, and will be made available for pick-up, on or after May 28, 2010 at the CUC Water-Wastewater Division Office the 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan,

One (1) original and five (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-10-034, REHABILITATION OF THE AGINGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 29, 2010** at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a U.S. Treasury listed company. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior. Progress payments shall be made to the Contractor.

The project consists, in general, of rehabilitating and upgrading the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant. The work shall be done in sequence as necessary in order not to disrupt the daily operation of the treatment plant. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the Belt Filter Press equipment, replacement of pumps, emptying and clean up of all the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, manifolds, clarifier mechanism and accessories, etc.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.

All technical and procurement inquiries should be directed to Capt. Robert Lorenz, CUC Waste/Wastewater Engineer via email robert_lorenz@cucgov.net, Christy Lazaro, CUC Waste/Wastewater Engineer via email Ms. Christi@cucgov.net. & Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE U. MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

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INVITATION TO BID
CUC-ITB-10-035

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals or firms to bid on Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses (Scrap). Interested bidders must bid on all items as specified and must be one bid only. Multiple bids are not allowed.

The bid forms and the list of surveyed transformers & regulator carcasses are available at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room 4, Third Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and five (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-ITB-10-035, Surveyed Transformers & Regulator Carcasses" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 A.M. (CHST) local time, June 29, 2010,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The prospective bidder must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from any claim resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed property. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed property to the prospective bidder in a ***"As is, Where is"*** condition. By accepting this transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the properties.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

All inquiries shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager, via email msablan@cucgov.net, Mr. Robert Malate, Power Division Engineer via email rmalate@cucgov.net and Mr. John Mafnas, Warehouse Manager via email jcm@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operations

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

Wimbledon match lasts record 10 hours and counting

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—On and on and on, and on some more, they played—longer than anyone ever had before. And still there was no winner.

John Isner of Tampa, Fla., and Nicolas Mahut of France were tied at 59-59 in the fifth set at Wimbledon after exactly 10 hours of action when play was suspended because of darkness Wednesday night. It is by far the longest match in terms of games or time in the century-plus history of tennis.

"Nothing like this will ever happen again. Ever," Isner said.

The first-round match already had been suspended because of fading light Tuesday night after the fourth set.

The 23rd-seeded Isner and the 148th-ranked Mahut, who needed to qualify to get into the tournament, shared a court for 7 hours, 6 minutes in Wednesday's fifth set alone, enough to break the full-match record of 6:33, set at the 2004 French Open.

Never before in the history of Wimbledon, which first was contested in 1877, had any match—singles or doubles, men or women—lasted more than 112 games, a mark set in 1969. Isner and Mahut played more games than that in just the fifth set, and still did not determine a victor, although the American came close: He had four match points—four chances to end things by winning the next point—but Mahut saved each one.

"He's serving fantastic. I'm serving fantastic. That's really all there is to it," Isner said. "I'd like to see the stats and see what the ace count looks like for both of us."

Well, here they are: Isner hit 98 aces, Mahut 95—both eclipsing the previous high in a match at any tournament, 78. All the numbers were truly astounding: They played 881 points (Mahut took 452, Isner 429), 612 in the fifth set (315 for Mahut, 297 for Isner).

Isner compiled 218 winners, Mahut 217. Isner made only 44 unforced errors, Mahut 37.

There were zero service breaks in the fifth set, which is why the end never arrived Wednesday.

Even a courtside electronic scoreboard couldn't keep up, getting stuck at 47-47 when the score really had risen to 48-48, then eventually going dark entirely.

Yet the pair played on.

And this cannot be emphasized enough: They are not finished.

After 118 games, no one had won.

The match will continue, stretching into a third day. At least Wimbledon gave them a bit of a break, saying the match would not pick up again before 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

"He's just a champ. We're just fighting like we never did before," Mahut said. "Someone has to win, so we'll come back tomorrow and see who is going to win the match."

At 58-all, more than 6 1/2 hours into Wednesday's action, both players took a bathroom break—and, frankly, who could blame them? Not much later, shortly after 9 p.m., Mahut and Isner approached the net to discuss with a Grand Slam supervisor, Soeren Friemel, whether to keep going.

"I want to play," Mahut said, "but I can't see."

Fans began chanting, "We want more! We want more!" Then they screamed in unison, "Centre Court! Centre Court!"—the only stadium at the All England Club equipped with artificial lights, and therefore the only place play could continue at that hour. When Friemel decided they would stop at that moment and resume Thursday, spectators saluted Isner and Mahut with a standing ovation.

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Referee Soeren Friemel, centre, calls off the epic men's singles match between John Isner of the US, left, and Nicolas Mahut of France,because of bad light, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

"I have almost no words anymore watching this," 16-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer said. "It's beyond anything I've ever seen and could imagine. I don't know how their bodies must feel the next day, the next week, the next month. This is incredible tennis."

Other Wimbledon competitors were glued to locker-room TVs, while some players headed out to the court to see if they could catch a glimpse in person. That was easier said than done, because the stands at the relatively tiny Court 18 - its official capacity is 782—were full, and people packed in three-or-more deep along a railing.

"I don't think I'd move. I think if you moved, you lose your seat," Venus Williams said.

"It's a marathon," she added, then corrected herself: "It's longer than a marathon."

Roddick tweeted that it was "unreal."

Not that anyone will ever remember, but for the record Tuesday's portion of the match went this way: Isner won the first set 6-4, Mahut took the next two 6-3, 7-6 (7), and Isner claimed the fourth 7-6 (3).

That portion lasted 2:54, longer than many entire matches, but these guys were just getting started. The first four sets encompassed a total of 45 games, less than half of the fifth set alone. To put it in some more perspective: The 2009 Wimbledon final between Federer and Andy Roddick was the longest Grand Slam championship match in history, running 77 games in all.

Mahut actually has some recent experience in such matters: He won a four-hour match in the second round of qualifying last week that ended 24-22 in the third set.

Isner and Mahut began Wednesday at 2:04 p.m., with the court bathed in sunlight and in heat that topped 80 degrees. As play carried on, shadows crept across the court, and the well-manicured blades of green grass along both baselines wore away, leaving patches of beige dirt. By the time the players left the court, the moon was rising overhead.

Organizers moved other matches that were supposed to be played on the same court, and postponed Isner's doubles match that happened to be on Wednesday's schedule.

While this was only a first-round match, the stakes were big for the participants. Isner lost his only previous match at Wimbledon, exiting in the first round in 2008, while Mahut lost in the first round at the All England Club each of the past two years.

Because Isner served first in the fifth set, Mahut faced the difficult task of always trailing while serving, knowing that if he were to get broken, he would lose.

Both players showed signs of fatigue and frustration.

Seeking some extra energy, Isner wolfed down a sandwich and sipped water during one changeover, and he scarfed down a banana at another. At the end of the day, he was gritting his teeth on serves, rubbing his back or putting his hands on his knees while sucking air between points, and occasionally deciding not to chase shots.

During one break, Mahut was visited by a tournament doctor and given some pills to swallow, and later had a finger taped. After missing one shot, Mahut dropped to his knees and covered his head with both hands. Somehow, Mahut summoned the strength to dive for a shot in the fifth set's 117th game—yes, you read that number correctly.

Even chair umpire Mohamed Lahyani, sitting in his perch long enough to have taken a trans-Atlantic flight, seemed to be tired. He tried to stay loose by massaging his neck or stretching his legs, and as the match dragged on, Lahyani paused while reciting the score, as if to make sure he had the count correct.

"This is one of the few times where I feel bad for the umpire," well-known official-berater John McEnroe joked on BBC's TV coverage.

It might not necessarily have been the most scintillating tennis, given that so many points were so brief, often consisting of merely an unreturned serve, followed by both players shuffling along the baseline to get in position for the next point.

The match was without a doubt riveting from this standpoint: Who would falter, even for a split second, on a solitary stroke - enough to finally turn control one way or the other? Who would wilt first, physically or mentally?

"Maybe they should agree on playing a tiebreak if it's 50-all," 2008 Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic mused. "That's maybe one of the solutions."

It was a test of wills tough to compare to another individual sport—unless, perhaps, a golf tournament's playoff extended for, say, 36 holes. The longest Major League Baseball game in history lasted a mere 8 hours, 6 minutes.

And to think: Isner vs. Mahut could have concluded much, much earlier in the day.

Isner held a match point all the way back in the 20th game of the fifth set, when he was ahead 10-9 with Mahut serving. Mahut double-faulted twice to give Isner a break point and match point, but the Frenchman erased it with an ace.

10-10.

Hard to believe, perhaps, but there wasn't another break point or match point for either player until the set's 66th game, with Isner ahead 33-32.

Isner smacked a backhand return winner down the line to go ahead 15-40, earning two match points, then waved his right hand to signal to the overflowing crowd to cheer louder. But he couldn't convert either chance. Mahut delivered a volley winner to erase the first, then a service winner on the second.

Two points later, Isner ceded the game by putting a forehand return into the net, prompting some fans backing Mahut to chant, "Nico! Nico! Nico!"

33-33.

In the 71st game, with Isner serving, he faced a deuce. Two more points for Mahut would have allowed the Frenchman to serve for the match. But Isner delivered a second-serve ace at 124 mph, followed by a service winner.

36-35 for Isner.

Mahut earned his first break points of the fifth set in—believe it or not—the 101st game, when Isner missed a forehand wide to fall behind 15-40. Isner saved the first with a service winner at 132 mph. On the second, Mahut tried a lob—perhaps not the ideal strategy against the 6-foot-9 Isner—and the American hit an overhead winner. Two more service winners ended the game.

51-50 for Isner.

An opening for Isner came in the 108th game, when Mahut missed a backhand, then a forehand, to fall behind love-30, putting the American two points away from victory. But Mahut came up with a volley winner, then three consecutive aces.

54-54.

In what would wind up being the final game of the day, with Isner ahead 59-58, Mahut's double-fault—his 21st—afforded the American one more match point, just over six hours after the first one. Mahut delivered again, smacking an ace to get to deuce. Isner then shanked a return long, crouched, and bit his white T-shirt. On the next point, Isner's backhand return sailed wide.

59-59.

And that's where they will resume, once more, the 25-year-old Isner and the 28-year-old Mahut, striving to be better than the other just long enough to win.

Lawrence Taylor indicted on NY rape charges

NEW YORK (AP)—Pro football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was indicted Wednesday by a suburban New York grand jury on charges of third-degree rape and patronizing a prostitute.

The indictment follows his May 6 arrest at a Holiday Inn in Ramapo, N.Y., where prosecutors say he paid a 16-year-old girl $300 to have sex with him.

Taylor had been charged previously in Ramapo Town Court, but the indictment transfers the case to Rockland County. He is scheduled to appear July 13.

The former New York Giants linebacker also was indicted on charges of endangering the welfare of a child, and sexual abuse and criminal sexual act in the third degree. He faces up to four years in prison if convicted. He has denied the charges.

Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said the 16-year-old told investigators that she had been verbally threatened and physically assaulted by a pimp who drove her 26 miles north to the hotel where Taylor was waiting.

"One of the most effective ways to target prostitution is to go after the johns," Zugibe said. "This indictment underscores our serious commitment to prosecuting those defendants who create a market for the region's growing sex trade."

Taylor's attorney reiterated his client's innocence Wednesday.

"Mr. Taylor and his legal team made a strategic decision not to present any evidence to the grand jury, including him testifying or any witnesses in his defense," said defense attorney Arthur Aidala.

The evidence includes sworn testimony by a 23-year-old woman who says she accompanied the accused pimp and the 16-year-old girl to the hotel where Taylor was staying. She said Taylor did not rape the girl. The teenager returned to the car with $300 in cash and said: "It was weird ... we didn't even have sex."

Draft should put Wall first, questions at No. 3

NEW YORK (AP)—Like a president-elect awaiting inauguration, John Wall is seemingly just biding his time until he can officially begin cleaning up Washington.

Life hasn't been so simple for DeMarcus Cousins, who has been crisscrossing the country battling Derrick Favors in hopes of getting picked soon after his college teammate.

It's been a decidedly different draft process for the Kentucky freshmen, but Cousins thinks it will yield the same result once they become pros.

"John's an incredible player, I believe I'm a pretty good player and we're going to play our roles," Cousins said Wednesday.

Though NBA rules prevent them from confirming it, the Wizards have been expected to take Wall from the moment they landed the No. 1 pick. They were in dire need of something good to happen after a disastrous season, and it did when they surprisingly won last month's draft lottery, which offered the All-American point guard as the top prize.

Wearing a cardigan sweater with a large 'J' on it, Wall appeared relaxed Wednesday when he met the media, but said that isn't entirely the case.

"I'm excited, but at the same time a little nervous," he said. "I probably won't get any sleep tonight or tomorrow before the day starts."

The Philadelphia 76ers are likely to take national player of the year Evan Turner from Ohio State with the No. 2 pick. Turner said he talked about the notoriously tough Philly fans with new coach and former Sixers guard Doug Collins and was told "as long as you play tough, you're a competitor and play with passion, you'll survive here."

Then the confusion starts.

The New Jersey Nets, who had the NBA's worst record but missed out on a chance for Wall when they dropped to No. 3 in the lottery, were believed to be debating between Cousins or Favors, before speculation in the days leading up to the draft that they'd turned their attention to Syracuse forward Wesley Johnson.

If so, Johnson understands why.

"I went in there and just tried to kill the workout," said Johnson, a self-described "late bloomer" who at 22 is an old man next to some of the other expected high picks.

Favors and Cousins worked out against each other in Philadelphia, New Jersey and Sacramento, which has the No. 5 pick, both realizing the result could mean a difference of a couple of spots in the draft.

"I guess you could say we're considered the best big men in the draft right now," Cousins said. "They're trying to make a big decision, they're putting a lot on the both of us, so they want to make the best choice."

Yet both are facing criticisms that could force them to slip, none particularly tied to their basketball abilities.

The 6-foot-10 Favors is considered an outstanding athlete, but perhaps far from NBA ready after averaging just 12.4 points in his lone season at Georgia Tech.

"A lot of people question me about that, about my age and how long it'll take for me to be a regular contributor," the 18-year-old Favors said. "But I think it just all depends on how hard I work during this offseason and next season."

The 6-11 Cousins has the potential to become a dominant big man in a league where there are fewer every year, and his size and skill would seem to make him a lock to be taken in the first few picks. He said Wednesday he's the best player in the draft.

But questions about his attitude and coachability could sound enough alarms to make him fall back, a drop that could prove costly with the NBA's rookie salary scale.

"I really don't listen to it," Cousins said. "I'm not in it for the money. I'm here to play ball. I'm trying to be the greatest big man to play."

The quicker adjustment to the league lately has come from the little guys. The last two Rookie of the Year winners, Derrick Rose and Tyreke Evans, were point guards, and the Wizards will be hoping for the same instant impact from Wall.

He delivered it in college, helping the Wildcats rebound from a miserable 2008-09 season to the brink of the Final Four in his lone year in Lexington. He's looking forward to doing the same for a Washington team that endured the Gilbert Arenas gun fiasco and traded away fellow stars Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison.

"I feel that if they pick me, I can come in and do a great job," Wall said. "Basically kind of like Kentucky, but on a different level."

AP

Kentucky's John Wall speaks to reporters during the 2010 NBA Draft participants media availability, Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in New York.

Lakers' Phil Jackson leaning toward retirement

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Phil Jackson thinks he is just about ready to walk away from his unparalleled NBA coaching career. The Los Angeles Lakers are all hoping he will change his mind in the next week.

The 11-time NBA champion coach said Wednesday he is leaning toward retirement. After a full season of speculation on his health and future, Jackson will wait for the results of another battery of medical tests before informing Lakers owner Jerry Buss of his final decision late next week.

The 64-year-old Jackson is the most successful coach in league history by almost any measure, with a .705 regular-season winning percentage, a record 225 postseason victories and two more titles than Boston's Red Auerbach. His Lakers beat the Boston Celtics in Game 7 of the NBA finals last week to claim their second straight title, and Jackson sounds increasingly interested in going out on top.

"Some of it's about health," Jackson said. "Some of it is just the way I feel right now. I've had vacillating feelings about it. It's hard not to feel like coming back when you ... have an opportunity to coach a team that's this good, but it's what I feel like right now."

Jackson will drive to his offseason home in Montana this weekend. He didn't attend the Lakers' victory parade through downtown Los Angeles on Monday, instead undergoing tests on a body with two replaced hips, a sore knee requiring a brace under his suit during the season, and a previous heart problem. These accumulated woes and the NBA's onerous travel schedule have prompted retirement thoughts for several years.

After a second day of exit interviews at their training complex, the Lakers uniformly said they want Jackson with them next season, with Kobe Bryant claiming the club would be "drastically different" without Jackson's steady, cerebral presence on the sideline. Yet Jackson mostly has kept the Lakers in the dark about his plans, with even general manager Mitch Kupchak saying he had "no idea" what Jackson's future holds.

"We all want him back," Bryant said Wednesday. "He knows that. I've stressed it to him over and over. ... I don't even want to think about that right now. It's killing my buzz."

Kupchak knows the difficulty in replacing a coach with Jackson's abilities and respect. The GM said the Lakers would be willing to wait until late July for an answer from Jackson, and he believes a new contract wouldn't be difficult to hammer out if Jackson still is interested in coaching.

"He's got a process that he needs to go through," Kupchak said. "He knows he's wanted here with this team. I think he's been assured of that in his meetings with players. He's got a couple of medical appointments here in the next day or two, and hopefully we get word some time next week that he wants to continue to coach."

Jackson claimed his inclination to leave the Lakers isn't about money or dissatisfaction with the organization. The Lakers and Jackson both have downplayed the importance of widespread rumors suggesting the Lakers want Jackson to take a pay cut after finishing up the richest coaching contract in the sport, which paid him more than $12 million and a reported $2 million bonus for winning the title this year.

Jackson claims he mostly wants to get away from the grind of NBA travel, particularly after three straight trips to the finals. The renaissance man and author of "Sacred Hoops: Spiritual Lessons of a Hardwood Warrior" has many interests beyond basketball, saying he might write another book or go on a lecture tour.

Yet even while listing all the reasons he should walk away, Jackson betrayed reluctance. He's intrigued about going for a third consecutive championship for the fourth time in his career.

"My intention was that if we won the second time, to go for a threepeat would be natural," Jackson said. "It would be tough not to go for another championship in that threepeat realm, which is ridiculous. That's one of those things that's sitting out there that's still a fly in the ointment."

If the Lakers lose Jackson, his job likely would be among the most coveted in sports. Bryant, Pau Gasol, Andrew Bynum, Lamar Odom and Ron Artest are locked into long-term contracts with the Lakers, who might have their pick from a list of candidates that could include Lakers assistant coach Brian Shaw, former Lakers guard Byron Scott and veteran coach Jeff Van Gundy.

Playoff star Derek Fisher will be a free agent next week, but Kupchak said Wednesday the Lakers are eager to re-sign the veteran point guard.

"We've had a special group these last three years," said Fisher, who will listen to offers from other teams, but definitely hopes to stay in Los Angeles. "Sometimes it's hard to maintain the fun aspects of what you try to do, (but) we had an interesting team, and we were able to enjoy the process while doing what it takes to become champions."

Yet Bryant said the Lakers derive much of their character and attitude from Jackson, whose triangle offense and steady leadership have been hallmarks of the Lakers' five titles and seven NBA finals appearances over the past 11 years.

After a playing career with the New York Knicks and a coaching stint in the CBA, Jackson won his first NBA title in his second season running Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls, who eventually won three straight titles from 1991-93 and again from 1996-98.

After a year off, he immediately led the underachieving Lakers to three straight championships from 2000-02, meshing the egos and talents of Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal to re-establish the Lakers as an NBA power. Los Angeles also made the NBA finals in 2004, but lost to Detroit. Jackson then took another year off before returning to the Lakers' bench.

The Lakers have reached the last three NBA finals, losing to Boston in 2008 before routing the Orlando Magic last year for their 15th title. Jackson also became the winningest coach in Lakers history earlier this season, surpassing Pat Riley with his 534th victory in early February.

"The older you get, the more you understand his methods and philosophies to the point now where we're so much on the same page," said Bryant, who soon will head to Africa for the World Cup. "I think that has a lot to do with me growing as a player."

Jackson's career record is 1,098-460, winning at least 55 games in 15 of his 19 seasons.

Strasburg strikes out 9 in Nats loss to Royals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stephen Strasburg struck out nine batters and allowed one run over six innings, but also suffered his first major league defeat as the Washington Nationals lost 1-0 to the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

On the last better he faced, Strasburg (2-1) got his 41st strikeout. That broke a record held by Herb Score, who fanned 40 in his first four major league starts for Cleveland in 1955.

For the third time in four starts, Strasburg did not walk a batter. He lowered his ERA to 1.78 but allowed nine hits.

Rockies 8, Red Sox 6

At Denver, pinch-hitter Jason Giambi's two-run homer off Jonathan Papelbon capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning to help Colorado edge Boston.

Giambi sent a 1-0 pitch into the right-field seats. Ian Stewart had tied it at 6 with a leadoff drive against Papelbon (2-4), who blew his second save in 18 chances.

Giambi's shot was just the second homer by a lefty batter off Papelbon all year.

Manny Corpas (2-4) picked up the win with a scoreless inning of relief.

Ace Ubaldo Jimenez, who was seeking his 14th win, was staked to an early four-run lead, which seemed safe considering he hadn't allowed more than three runs in a start all season. But he gave up six runs and 10 hits over 5 2-3 innings against Boston in the worst game this season.

Boston starter John Lackey allowed five runs and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings. He had two hits off Jimenez after entering the game 1 for 31 at the plate in his major league career.

Mariners 8, Cubs 1

At Seattle, Cliff Lee struck out nine in his second consecutive complete game as Seattle defeated Chicago.

Rookie Michael Saunders homered and drove in four runs for Seattle. Ichiro Suzuki had a two-run single.

Lee (6-3) allowed nine hits and walked none in his American League-best fourth complete game this season and 17th for his career. He lowered his ERA to an AL-best 2.39.

Reds 3, Athletics 0

At Oakland, California, Johnny Cueto pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, and Jay Bruce had a two-run single in his second straight three-hit game as Cincinnati swept the series against Oakland.

The Reds salvaged a .500 road trip after losing all three at Seattle over the weekend.

Cueto (7-2) allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked two in seven-plus innings. Francisco Cordero saved his second straight game—his 19th in 24 chances.

Marlins 7, Orioles 5

At Baltimore, Edwin Rodriguez enjoyed a successful debut as Florida's interim manager, getting home runs from Gaby Sanchez and Jorge Cantu in a comeback victory.

Florida made up a four-run deficit to earn its third straight win. The previous two came under Fredi Gonzalez, who was fired Wednesday morning after 3 1/2 seasons on the job.

Cardinals 1, Blue Jays 0

At Toronto, St. Louis' Matt Holliday hit an RBI single off Kevin Gregg with two outs in the ninth inning, handing a win to Chris Carpenter.

Holliday came up with runners on the corners and lined a full-count pitch into left field to give St. Louis the lead. Holliday's homer streak ended at four games but the surging slugger had two hits and is 13 for 22 with 11 RBIs in his last five games.

Randy Winn set up Holliday's hit with a one-out single and moved to third on Felipe Lopez's base hit to center with two down.

Mets 5, Tigers 0

At New York, R.A. Dickey pitched eight shutout innings and Jose Reyes homered to lead New York over Detroit.

Dickey (6-0) won for the sixth time in seven starts. The former power pitcher's knuckleball appeared to come alive in the fifth inning, when he got the first of his four strikeouts. He allowed four hits and two walks, and retired his final 13 batters.

The Tigers lost for only third time in 11 games.

Angels 2, Dodgers 1

At Anaheim, California, Russell Martin was tagged out at second base an instant before Reed Johnson would have crossed the plate with the tying run in the ninth inning, allowing Los Angeles to escape with the win.

Moments after Matt Kemp was picked off second, the Los Angeles Dodgers lost their sixth straight game on their second baserunning blunder in a wacky ninth inning.

Pinch-hitter Jamey Carroll's two-out single off Angels closer Brian Fuentes should have scored pinch-runner Johnson easily from second, but left fielder Juan Rivera alertly threw back to second base to get Martin, who had been on first.

Padres 5, Rays 4

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Will Venable, Adrian Gonzalez and Chase Headley homered to lead San Diego past Tampa Bay.

Venable broke a scoreless tie with a two-run shot in the fifth. Gonzalez hit a solo homer in the sixth for a 3-0 lead, and is 33 for 77 with seven homers and 20 RBIs in June.

After the Rays rallied to make it 3-all, Jerry Hairston Jr. put the Padres ahead with an RBI single in the seventh off James Shields (6-7). Headley made it 5-3 on his solo drive in the ninth.

Phillies 7, Indians 6

At Philadelphia, Jimmy Rollins hit the first game-ending homer of his career, a two-run shot with one out in the ninth inning as Philadelphia edged Cincinnati.

Trailing 6-5, the Phillies rallied against Kerry Wood (1-3). Brian Schneider led off with a walk and advanced to second on a groundout.

Rollins then hit a liner inside the right-field foul pole to win it. The 2007 NL MVP was 0 for 8 since returning from his second stint on the disabled list. He's played in only 14 games this season because of a calf injury.

White Sox 4, Braves 2

At Chicago, Carlos Quentin homered twice off Tim Hudson, and Mark Buehrle pitched out of numerous jams as Chicago beat Atlanta to extend its winning streak to eight games.

The White Sox (36-34) have won 12 of 13 and are two games over .500 for the first time since last August. The Sox are 12-2 in interleague play this season, 36-14 the last three years.

Despite allowing nine hits in six innings, Buehrle earned his major league-record 23rd interleague victory. Buehrle (6-6) is 9-0 with a 1.73 ERA in his last 12 starts against NL teams.

Rangers 13, Pirates 3

At Arlington, Texas, Michael Young had three hits and drove in four runs playing only half the game and Texas extended the majors' longest winning streak this season to 10 straight.

It is only the second time Texas has won at least 10 consecutive games. The team record of 14 in a row came in 1991.

Brewers 5, Twins 3

At Milwaukee, Rickie Weeks had a hand in all five Milwaukee runs as the Brewers overcame a club-record five wild pitches with a strong effort by the bullpen.

Weeks had three hits, drove in three runs and scored twice.

Manny Parra (2-5) won for the first time as a starter this season. He tied a 35-year team mark with four wild pitches, including one during an intentional walk.

Astros 6, Giants 3

At Houston, Brett Myers pitched seven effective innings and Jeff Keppinger had three RBIs as Houston snapped a five-game losing streak.

Myers (5-5) allowed three runs, one earned, and six hits. He also had two hits and drove in a run.

It was the shortest outing of the year for Giants starter Barry Zito (7-4), who yielded five runs and seven hits in four innings.

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Escape from Managaha draws first-timers

Saipan Swim Club's Suzy Kindel and Tsunami Saipan's Stan Good will be among the first-timers who will join tomorrow's Escape from Managaha.

The swim race will start from the famous island and end at Micro Beach with Good and Kindel joining at least 30 other swimmers, who accepted the challenge of the Managaha Island to Micro Beach crossing.

Registered participants of the Saturday race are asked to be at the Outer Cover Marina by 5:30am for a boat ride to the starting area. The race will begin at 6:30am.

This year's Escape from Managaha will be the seventh one SSC organized, as the club missed the 2009 edition of the swim.

In 2008, Lester Lapuz and Sarah Johnson were the first male and female to reach Micro Beach after timing in at 43 minutes flat and 42:21, respectively. The other top finishers were Kai Staal (43:27) and Colin Thompson (43:43) for the men and Grace Kimball (45:31) and Mamiko Shimizu (48:58) for the women.

Forty-nine swimmers joined the 2.7-kilometer open water swim in 2008. These included SSC's Andrew Kimball (1:17.26), Abigail Martinsen and Victoria Chentsova (1:20.14), Bryce Daly (1:20.49), Maxi Braig (1:21.56), and Kento Akimaru (1:22.06). ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

DONOVAN

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raucous cheers erupted on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and even in White House auditoriums in Washington, D.C., according to e-mails sent to U.S. Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati.

"That's probably going to capture more people's attention than if we won the game 3-0 and it was easy," American goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "That emotion, that passion is what American sports fans thrive on."

The United States won its first World Cup match in eight years and finished atop its first-round group for the first time since the original World Cup in 1930. With a quick turnaround, the Americans play Ghana on Saturday night in Rustenburg for a spot in the quarterfinals. Ghana won the final match of the opening round against the Americans to knock them out of the tournament in Germany four years ago.

Clint Dempsey appeared to score in the 21st minute off the rebound of Herculez Gomez's shot. But the goal was called offside.

Dempsey's 12-yard shot off Jozy Altidore's cross clanked off the far post in the 57th minute, and when the rebound came back to Dempsey, he put the follow shot wide to the near side.

"You shake it out of your head and keep on fighting," Dempsey said.

Knowing England was ahead of Slovenia at the half, the U.S. put in offensive substitutes, first Benny Feilhaber at the start of the second half, then Edson Buddle in the 64th and finally DaMarcus Beasley in the 81st.

"The second half wasn't a soccer game—it was more like ... a track meet. Back and forth, back and forth, both teams are so desperate," Howard said.

Howard started the counter-attack that led to the goal when he knocked down an Algerian shot and rolled the ball to Donovan on the right flank. Donovan moved upfield and passed ahead to Jozy Altidore just inside the 18-yard box.

"Landon kind of knows me a little bit," Howard said. "He breaks out when I get the ball and it's kind of easy to find him."

Altidore's right-footed cross was flicked by Dempsey as he crashed into goalkeeper Rais Bolhi.

"I couldn't chip it over the keeper, so I just tried to hit it under him—hit it hard," Dempsey said.

As Dempsey tumbled over the goalkeeper, the ball rolled back out. In ran Donovan, who with a right-footed shot from 7 yards, slammed the ball into the lower left corner. It was the first injury-time goal that lifted a nation into the knockout phase since Uruguay's Daniel Fonseca scored against South Korea in 1990, according to STATS LLC.

"The moment kind of slowed down for me. It was as much a reaction as anything," Donovan said. "I kind of hesitated. I didn't know if he was going to play it across the goal or try to cut it back to me. Once he played it in front of the goal, I didn't sprint, but I kept my run going and once it popped off the goalie, then I picked up a little to get there."

After his U.S. record 44th international goal, Donovan joyously ran to the corner flag, sliding headfirst in a belly flop, and his teammates ran down the touchline to mob him.

"A lot of kisses. A little uncomfortable," Donovan said. "It's something I'll have imbedded in my mind forever."

When the game ended, Donovan kicked the final ball into the stands.

"Someone got a nice souvenir," he said.

He was in tears and even 30 minutes later his eyes watered and voice cracked as he talked about the goal. The field long empty, American fans remained in the stands, still cheering, waving the Stars and Stripes and blowing vuvuzelas.

As a 20-year-old in 2002, Donovan scored two goals and became a star. But expectations became crushing in 2006, went he went scoreless. With his fourth World Cup goal, Donovan tied Bert Patenaude (1930) as the American leader.

"I've been through a lot in the last four years," Donovan said with tears in his eyes. "And I'm so glad it culminated this way. It makes me believe in good in the world. When you try to do things the right way, that's good to see them get rewarded."

The United States finished a World Cup game with a shutout for just the fifth time in 28 matches (7-16-5) and topped Group C with 5 points.

England (1-0-2), which beat Slovenia 1-0 moments earlier, also had five points but finished second because the U.S. scored four goals to two for the English. Slovenia (1-1-1) was third with four points, missing advancing because of Donovan's heroics. Algeria (0-2-1) was last with one point.

The Desert Foxes were making their third World Cup appearance following first-round elimination in 1982 and 1986. Algeria was the fourth African team to exit the first World Cup on African soil, following Cameroon, Nigeria and host South Africa.

"I think that Africa is on the right road," coach Rabah Saadane said. "What we need in our national teams and squads is stability and a lot of discipline, and I think in a few years time, Africa will have among the best teams in the world."

Dempsey needed four stitches to close a cut on his lip.

It was yet another late goal for the United States, which came from behind to tie England 1-1 in its opener, then rallied from a two-goal halftime deficit against Slovenia and would have won had Maurice Edu's 85th-minute goal been allowed. In six of the final 10 qualifiers, the Americans gave up the first goals—but they bounced back to win three of those games and tie two others.

"That was a really special feeling," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said. "These guys put a lot into it, they never quit.

"We're proud. We finished first in our group. Five points, didn't lose a match. So we're ready."

Howard bounced up and down in elation after the game. Feilhaber took a water bottle and sprayed his teammates, and it felt as good as champagne.

"We're not done yet," Donovan said. "We believe, man. We're alive, baby."

In Group D, Germany beat Ghana 1-0 at Soccer City but both still advanced, making the Ghanaians the first African team to reach the round of 16 at this year's tournament. Australia defeated Serbia 2-1 in Nelspruit in the other match.

SONICS

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landed on Talalemoto's hands, the clock read at two seconds. Talalemoto made the undergoal stab, but there was no time left after his basket, preserving the Sonics' two-point win.

Aranda top-scored for Sonics with 22, while Salem chipped in 18. Christian Mizer contributed eight, as he, Aranda, and Salem kept the Sonics afloat in the last five minutes of the match.

Mizer's reverse layup put the Sonics back in the lead, 56-55, and after a few seconds, he collared an offensive rebound and drilled a banked shot to give his team more cushion, 58-55, entering the final two minutes of the game.

Aranda then scored four straight points to make it a 62-55 lead, before Rollers launched one final bid to steal the game, but ran out of time.

Talalemoto led Rollers' losing cause, firing 31 points and grabbing 28 rebounds.

In other results for the U17 division, Rollers A clobbered Hi-5, 67-42, while the Sparks whipped Rollers B, 60-35.

Rollers A and the Sparks dominated the game from start to finish en route to easy victories.

Sonics 64 – Aranda 22, Salem 18, Mizer 8, Alegre 4, Tudela 4, De Guzman 3, Se. Escalada 3.

Rollers 62 – Talalemoto 31, De La Rosa 9, Limes 8, Mancao 5, Escueta 4, Lansang 3.

Scoring by halves: 32-29, 64-62.

LAWMAKERS

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tions under Section 3 (sections (B), (C), and (D) reference a local law which is non-existent. This may be a mere technical error in citation. However, I cannot change legislation from the form in which it was passed. I therefore use the line item veto authority granted in Article II, Section 7(a) of the Commonwealth Constitution to disapprove said sections."

Information regarding the line vetoed item reached Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, but NMASA president Michael White, who went to the House to personally ask for the delegation's financial support for the CNMI's Micro Games campaign, remained positive that lawmakers will still find ways to deliver the earlier appropriation of $50,000.

Right now, CNMI delegates to the Micro Games are guaranteed to get $20,000, which Fitial approved when he signed H.L.B. 17-14, D2, Section 3, A (2), which says $20,000 is appropriated to fund the upcoming Micronesian Games. The amount is part of the unobligated/lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 15-33 under BY 3391B.

The other $20,000 re-appropriated through an amendment to H.L.B. 17-22 yesterday, will now have to wait for the governor's approval. Fitial is given 20 days, as prescribed by the law, to approve or disapprove the bill.

Time is of the essence in signing the bill and releasing the money appropriated, as the CNM has only until June 30 to inform Micro Games organizers on who will be going to Palau for the Aug. 1 to 10 event. Airline tickets also need to be purchased early, as flight bookings late next month are expected to be very difficult, as delegates from Guam, FSM, the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati are also catching up to make reservations.

During NMASA's meeting earlier this month and after Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation made its initial re-appropriation, each athlete was required to pay $426 for the Palau trip.

TOURNEY

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tie means exactly.

The NMIFA is an example of doing something right. Ten years ago, soccer wasn't much of a sport here. But through youth leagues, regular adult leagues and professional coaching, the CNMI has made great strides in the world's most popular sport. Once we become a full-fledged FIFA member, watch out France!

Props also go out to Jeff Race for getting Saipan's netters on the North Pacific Oceania tennis team traveling to Fiji in August. Half of the 18-member team hails from Saipan. Noticeably absent: Jeff's top student, Ji Hoon Heo who earned a free ticket to Hawaii Pacific University where he play collegiate tennis against mainland teams.

Once again, youth baseball players who excelled through hard work and skill earned a trip to Jakarta, Indonesia and Taiwan for the Asia-Pacific tournaments. Our chances to win based on previous years is about one in four. Although we cannot take anything for granted, we have the talent to move on to the World Series in various parts of the USA. That's a sweet reward and a reflection of the many hours needed to become a decent baseball player. Our many unselfish volunteers help make our kids' dreams come true.

The biggest event for most of our athletes is the Micronesian Games coming up Aug. 1-10 in Palau. Our delegation currently numbers 125. No doubt we will win some medals as our athletes are undergoing rigorous training. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. But it won't be a vacation.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	27	.625	_
Tampa Bay	42	29	.592	2 1/2
Boston	43	30	.589	2 1/2
Toronto	38	34	.528	7
Baltimore	19	52	.268	25 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	40	31	.563	_
Detroit	38	32	.543	1 1/2
Chicago	36	34	.514	3 1/2
Kansas City	30	43	.411	11
Cleveland	26	44	.371	13 1/2

West Division

Texas	43	28	.606	_
Los Angeles	41	33	.554	3 1/2
Oakland	34	40	.459	10 1/2
Seattle	30	41	.423	13

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Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 3, Oakland 0
Kansas City 1, Washington 0
Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 6
Florida 7, Baltimore 5
St. Louis 1, Toronto 0
N.Y. Mets 5, Detroit 0
San Diego 5, Tampa Bay 4
Texas 13, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Atlanta 2
Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 3
Colorado 8, Boston 6
N.Y. Yankees 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
Seattle 8, Chicago Cubs 1

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LOCAL SCORES

BUDWEISER STANDINGS

Becks 670	2	0
CNMI Nationals	2	0
Ol'Aces	2	0
Hoegaarden IT&E	1	1
Bacardi Hi-5	1	1
Bud Ice Rollers	0	1
Budweiser Saints	0	1
Michelob Sixers	0	2
Runnin' Rebels	0	2

CNMI to defend ping-pong title in Micro Games

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After months of uncertainty, Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association finally confirmed it will be sending a team to Palau to defend its title in the 7th Micronesian Games.

"Just last Thursday, we received the good news that we would be able go to Palau through Guam to play in the Micronesian Games," MATTA president Steven Lim said.

Several months ago, MATTA was non-committal as far as its participation to the Micro Games is concerned because their players have yet to secure parole and advance parole that would allow them to transit to Guam to make it to Palau and then return to Saipan.

MATTA and other sports federations sending delegates to the Micronesian Games are given only until June 30 to confirm their participation in the August event and complete the requirements.

Lu

Gurung

Lim

Su

"I am not exaggerating when I say that just a few days ago, we might not have the opportunity to be part of the Games. But fortunately, the support of the NMASA board and its president, Michael White, the lawmakers who showed their support for all the CNMI athletes, and the cooperation of the USCIS all contributed to giving table tennis athletes the chance to be part of the 7th Micronesian Games. Our appreciation and thanks for their support," said Lim.

Lim is leading the CNMI Table Tennis Team and will be joined by Budhi Gurung, Luke Lu Jun, and Su Yong Dong.

"I am happy that there is an opportunity for us to defend the championships won during the 6th Micronesian Games back on Saipan in 2006," Lim said.

The CNMI clinched four gold medals, three silver, and three bronze in 2006 to win the overall championship in table tennis.

Lu teamed up with Jean Shi in winning the gold medal in the mixed doubles, while Gurung took the bronze in the same event after joining forces with Lucita Pasana. Shi gave the CNMI its second gold when she prevailed in the women's singles against Palau's Jamelie Watanabe.

The CNMI also won gold medals in the men's doubles (Dong and Chen Lin Ying) and in the team event. In the men's doubles, Gurung and teammate Charlie Chen claimed the silver medal.

Meanwhile, the table tennis competition in Palau will be held from Aug. 3 to 5 with the CNMI ping-pong players battling bets from the hosts, Guam, the Marshall Islands, and Kiribati.

CNMI Nationals Tourney starts tomorrow

A fundraising tournament for the CNMI National Men's Basketball Team will begin this Saturday, June 26, at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The first game will begin at 6:30pm followed by a second game at 8pm. The tourney then continues through Sunday, June 27, with the third and fourth games.

There is a $50 entry team per team and $250 prize will be up for grabs for the winner along with a healthy dose of bragging rights.

A total of six teams, including the CNMI National Team, are already registered. The other five teams include Team Trinity, Team Elite, Exxon Mobil, Rollers, and Team McGrawhill.

Organized by the Unified Basketball Association, the tourney's major sponsor includes NTT Docomo.

The brackets will be determined through a random drawing and the tourney will follow a double elimination format where winners advance to the winners bracket and losers will have to fight for their way back up.

All games will be played at the Garapan Court on weekends and the tournament will last for about three weekends, weather permitting.

For more information, call UBA president and CNMI National Team player James Lee at 989-8221. ***(Walter Sutherland)***

Tinian young guns shine in Tinian Triathlon

TINIAN— The 2010 Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim was held last June 12, 2010 on the island of Tinian.

In the throng of the usual Japanese pro triathletes, two Tinian locals were especially featured at this event—Joshua A. Manglona, 22, and James Kim, 17.

Manglona is well known for his previous triathlon events, ranging from the XTERRA Saipan Championship, Tagaman, and the Saipan Marathon, to international events such as the South Pacific Games in the Cook Islands, and the XTERRA Championship in Maui, Hawaii.

Manglona dubs the local Tinian triathlon, his third in this series, one of his personal favorites. Manglona timed in at 44:06 in the 1.5-kilometer swim; 1:41:41 in the 40-km bike; and 1:09:08 in the 10-km run. His total time was 3:34:55, and earned him seventh place overall.

In 2009 Manglona entered the Tinian Triathlon with teammate Janet King, also a Tinian local, and together they clocked in at 2:55:39 and ranked as the second team overall. They placed behind the team of Antonio Florence and Jack Kabiriel, who timed in at 2:24:41.

The first overall slot went to returning pro triathlete Takeshi Aoyama, 35, of Japan, who clocked in at 24:35 in the swim; 1:18:12 in the bike; and 41:33 in the run for a total of 2:24:20. The overall female dominating slot went to Chiaki Umeta, 33, of Japan, who clocked in at 58:33 in the swim; 1:43:33 in the bike; and 55:21 in the run; for a total time of 3:37:27, and tenth overall in the triathlon event.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joshua A. Manglona crosses the finish line of the 2010 Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim held last June 12.

The Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim's swim portion allowed for three swim events: 1.5 km, 3 km, and 4.5 km. Kim, sans bike, completed the 1.5-km swim and 10-km run portions. Kim swam in 33:14 and ran the 10-km leg in 1:09:42.

The local crowd of mostly Tinian natives were cheering loudly for the two young guns, Manglona and Kim. "We hope to see more locals participate in the triathlon event next year," said Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz, who bikes on weekends and is a self proclaimed big supporter of triathlons and athletic events as a way to promote the islands.

The Tinian triathlon is part of the KFC Triathlon Club's annual Triathlon Island Series, and is also sponsored by the Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

This year's series kicked off in March with the 2010 Tagaman Triathlon, followed by the Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon & Reef Swim in June. The series continues with the Guam Triathlon also in June, the Rota Blue Triathlon in November, and ends with the Palau Shell Rainbow Triathlon in December.

For more information, visit the KFC Triathlon website at www.kfctriathlon.jp, the Marianas Visitors Authority website at www.mymarianas.com, or send e-mail to kfc-onishi@gem.hi-ho.ne.jp or MVA's Frank Tudela at ftudela@mymarianas.com. ***(PR)***

Japan's Aoyama wins Tinian Triathlon

Takeshi Aoyama of Japan topped the Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim held last June 12.

The 35-year-old crossed the finish line of the 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-km bike, and 10-km run race in a time of 2:24:20. The annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority attracted 48 athletes from Japan and two from Tinian.

Sponsored jointly by the KFC Triathlon Club, the Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, and the MVA, the competition is another in a series of sports events that attract visitors, athletes, and media to the beautiful Northern Marianas.

Over 30 minutes behind Aoyama was Matsushima Akira of Japan in 3:05:04, with Nagae Tadashi of Japan on his heels and finishing at 3:05:29.

The event was also marked by the participation of three-time Tagaman champion Hedeya Mayazuka, who finished sixth overall.

Twenty-two-year old Joshua Manglona was the lone Tinian competitor to compete in the full triathlon, finishing seventh with a time of 3:34:55. Seventeen-year old James Kim of Tinian also finished second in the 1.5-km swim and first in the 10-km run.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Takeshi Aoyama of Japan crosses the finish line of the Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz also joined the swim route but turned back at the 100-meter buoy.

"This is a tough sport," the mayor exclaimed. "It needs serious training!"

At the awards ceremony, the mayor extended his appreciation to the event supporters, which included MVA, Tinian Mayor's Office, Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Public Works, Tinian Health Center, Americorps, and Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

"I would also like to thank the members of the KFC Triathlon Club for their continued participation and for making this year's triathlon an extremely exciting and competitive event for all the residents of Tinian to enjoy," said Dela Cruz.

"The location and various courses available at the Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim continue to appeal to triathletes, as we've seen in this year's registration," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We had a strong showing of participants from Japan, and competitors ages 17 to 69 were able to customize their course based on their ability. We hope to see more participants next year."

The Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim is traditionally held each June.

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Sonics one win away from UBA title

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The Sonics inched their way closer to the U15 championship in the 2010 UBA Youth League after pulling off 64-62 win over Rollers at the start of their title series last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Game 2 of the best-of-three championship showdown will be played tonight at 6:30pm with the Rollers in a must-win situation to foil a Sonics sweep.

The Sonics seemed headed for an easy win in Game 1 when they led, 62-55, after a pair of free throws from Jack Aranda, with less than a minute left in the fourth quarter.

However, Rollers threatened the Sonics with a quick 5-0 run in less than 20 minutes. Renien Lansang canned a triple from the left corner and after a Sonics error from the sideline, Savali Talalemoto went all the way to their frontcourt for a layup, moving Rollers within two, 62-60, 12 seconds to go in the game.

In the Sonics' offensive set, Rollers fouled Nevin Salem right away to stop the clock, which read at nine seconds. Once Salem stepped to the stripe, Rollers supporters began making loud noise, egging the Sonics guard to miss the crucial free throws. However, Salem silenced the crowd, making the first free throw with his shot hitting nothing but the bottom of the net. He went 2-for-2 with another charity, giving the Sonics a 64-60 lead.

When it was Rollers' turn to orchestrate its offense, coach Joe Diaz's wards took precious seconds setting up from the top key and when the ball

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The Sonics' Nevin Salem goes for a layup and is fouled by Rollers' Erick Dela Rosa during the first half of Game 1 of the U15 championship series in the UBA youth caging on Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Donovan injury-time goal puts US in 2nd round

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PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)— Over and over, everything seemed to go against them.

A referee took away a win last week, and a linesman disallowed another goal Wednesday.

Now there was just 3 1/2 minutes left in their World Cup, just that much remaining until all the doubts about American soccer would rise again.

But then, in one of the most stunning turnarounds in World Cup history, Landon Donovan scored on a lightning fast counterattack 45 seconds into 4 minutes of injury time. With the most amazing late-game moment in American soccer, the United States beat Algeria 1-0 and reached the World Cup's second round.

"This team embodies what the American spirit is about," Donovan said. "We had a goal disallowed the other night, We had another good goal disallowed tonight. But we just keep going. And I think that's what people admire so much about Americans. And I'm damn proud."

Former President Bill Clinton lingered in the locker room for 45 minutes after the game to congratulate the players. When Donovan scored,

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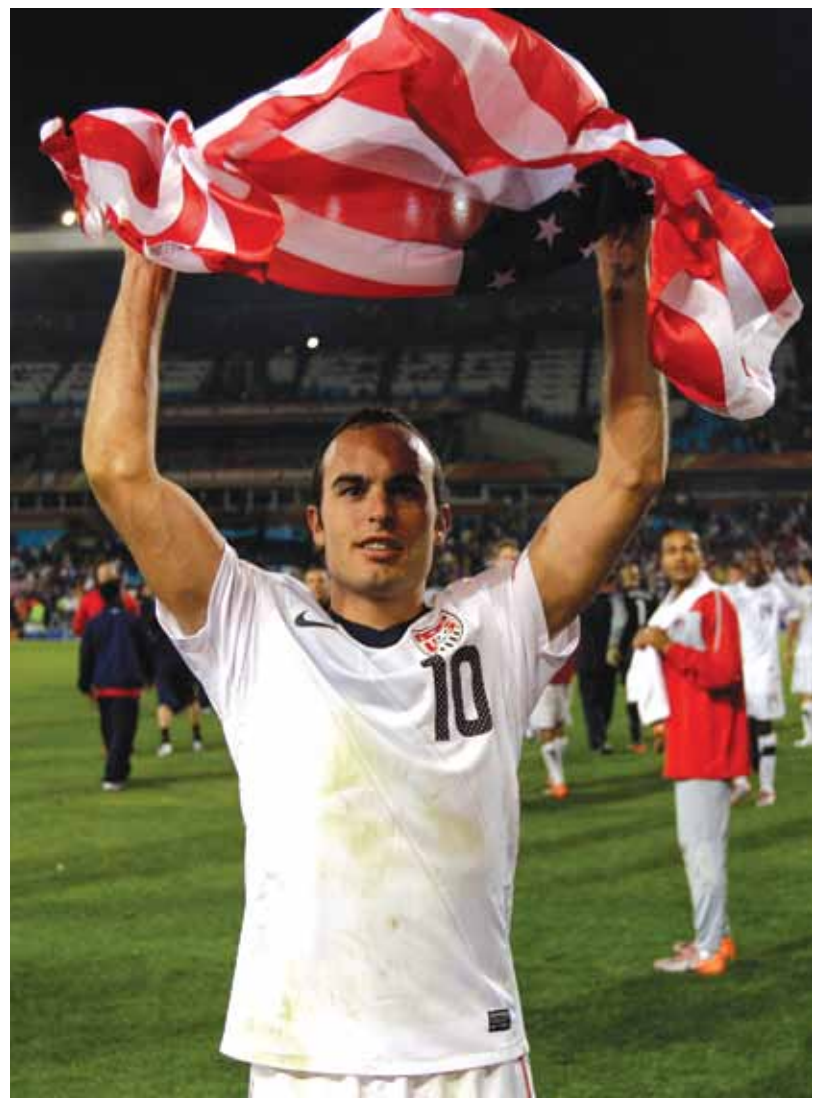

AP
United States' Landon Donovan holds a United States flag in celebration after winning the World Cup group C soccer match between the United States and Algeria at the Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria, South Africa, Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

Lawmakers take another crack at Games funding

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As promised, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation corrected the technical error in citation regarding the re-appropriation of unobligated/lapsed funds for the CNMI Team's expenses to the 7th Micronesian Games.

The delegation, during yesterday's session at the House chamber, made an amendment to House Local Bill 17-22, introducing Section 3 entitled "Additional Re-Appropriation," and stated that "unobligated/lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 16-5 under BU3313F in the amount of $20,000 is hereby re-appropriated for the Micronesian Games.

The delegation had to introduce an amendment to H.L.B. 17-22 after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial line item vetoed Section 3 (section c) of the H.L.B. 17-14 D2, which stated the unobligated/lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 1605 under BU 3313F in the amount of $20,000 and $10,000 from Saipan Local Law 12-21 under BU 3393C is hereby re-appropriated for the Micronesian Games.

Fitial, in a letter sent to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Ramon Tebuteb and Acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro, said "the remaining appropria-

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Tourney time

Summertime is tournament time. Sports doesn't take a vacation.

For most of Saipan's top athletes the year's hard work translates to a chance to shine on a bigger stage and measure up to our neighbors.

Kudos to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association for the excellent hosting of the Marianas Cup, giving it the feel of international formality.

The CNMI girls played one of the best games I've seen them play, bowing to Guam, ranked #78 in the world by FIFA, 1-0, on a second half goal. Call me a homey, but I felt pride in seeing them play with so much determination.

The CNMI boys did even better, coming within a few minutes of winning against FIFA's #195 ranked country, before settling for a 1-1 tie. While I am one of those who thinks a tie is like kissing your sister, I admit that half of a win is a partial win, which is to say, it's not exactly losing. Actually, as a lifetime follower of baseball, football, and basketball and not soccer, I'm still coming to grips what a

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OFF THE BENCH

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